

Five Galway people appoint to Junior Chamber Ireland National Board 2004

The Junior Chamber Ireland First National Meeting hosted by Junior Chamber Galway took place at the weekend in the Clybaun Hotel, Salthill, Galway. The event was attended by representatives of branches nationwide to agree an plan of action for the year to come. A special inaugural lunch where Galway man Eugene Garvin was presented with the chains of office of National President, Junior Chamber Ireland. Special guests were **Mayor of Galway, Cllr. Terry O'Flaherty and Frank Fahy T.D.**, as well as family, friends and members of Junior Chamber Galway.

Galway Man for Junior Chamber Ireland Presidency 2004

This event was especially important to the Galway members as this year Galway man Eugene Garvin will lead the organisation as President. On Saturday, the chains of office will be passed on to him by Jeremy Doyle of Junior Chamber Fingal, Dublin.

A local member and past president of Junior Chamber Galway, Eugene has served both locally and nationally with distinction. A native of Galway city and a graduate of Electronic Engineering from NUI Galway, he is a popular personality and works in Nortel, Galway. He is the fourth Galway president of Junior Chamber Ireland, following in the footsteps of Sean Ashe, MacDara Hosty and Mary Comer.

Mayor of Galway, Cllr. Terry O'Flaherty -

'On my own behalf and on behalf of the citizens of Galway I would like to congratulate Eugene Garvin on his election to position of the National President, Junior Chamber Ireland. I know how much great work is done in the Galway branch and the projects that make a great contribution to life in Galway - I believe it is well worthwhile. I wish Eugene the very best of good luck in 2004,' said Mayor of Galway, Cllr. Terry O'Flaherty.

Galway People in majority of JCI National Board

Five of the fourteen positions on the JCI National Executive Board are being filled by Galway members. At a presentation ceremony the new executives received their Junior Chamber Ireland pins marking the beginning of their year in office. Rosemary Dolan takes on Community Development, Helen Flatley, Individual Development, Máirín O'Reilly, Public Relations and Wendy Freeney, International Affairs.

The other positions are as follows: Jeremy Doyle,(Fingal) Past President, Suzanne Corcoran,(Dun Laoghaire) Treasurer; Norma Duignan,(Carrick-on-

Shannon) Administration; Fiona Lewis,(Waterford) Regional Development;
Audrey Lewis,(Castleknock) Regional Development; Karen
Sweeney,(Castleknock) Convention.

Junior Chamber Expansion Plan 2004

A strategic plan was launched to encourage people to establish new branches in towns nationwide with a major public relations campaign. 'It is very encouraging to see branches like that in Dublin which successfully revived itself in 2003, so we feel it is necessary for us to give every help and assistance to people who may be interested in becoming members and setting up new branches locally,' said Eugene Garvin, President, Junior Chamber Ireland, 'the community as well as the individuals involved have much to gain from this organisation and we don't want Irish society to miss out on the benefits of having a very active and widespread voluntary organisation such as Junior Chamber.'

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Background Information

Junior Chamber Galway is a not-for-profit organisation led and co-ordinated by volunteers and is affiliated to Junior Chamber International which involves over half a million members worldwide. It aims to provide opportunities for the personal development of its members in the form of projects and training. Its objective is to create positive change and contribute to the economic, social and cultural life of the community - locally, nationally and internationally.

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