

## **Junior Chamber Tullamore - Back In Action!**

The Tullamore branch of Junior Chamber is up and running again! Recent introductory meetings held in the Bridge House Hotel, Tullamore, were hosted by Rosemary Dolan, Director of Community Affairs and Eugene Garvin, National President of Junior Chamber International. With a strong attendance at these meetings, the level of interest and enthusiasm of young people in the area to revive this great organisation is very evident.

Junior Chamber Ireland is part of a voluntary, world-wide organisation of young leaders and entrepreneurs. It is open to men and women between 18 to 40 years of age. Not only is it a great way to become involved in the development of your community but also provides the opportunity to meet like-minded young people and have fun! If you are new to Tullamore, or are interested in meeting new people Junior Chamber is for you! It has a lot to offer from new friendships and social activities to developing new skills and travel options. Through various activities and projects, members can acquire organisational, management, leadership and public speaking skills. By joining Junior Chamber members begin a life long pursuit of individual growth.

The organisation encourages learning by doing. During the course of the year, the Tullamore branch will include activities such as charity fund raising events, community projects, guest speakers from all walks of life, leadership training, weekends away, public speaking and debating, sports and cultural events and the opportunity to travel internationally to attend various Junior Chamber conventions.

Junior Chamber has a long and successful history in Tullamore. Originally founded in 1970, the Chamber had existed in the town for thirty years before fading out due to dwindling numbers. 'Know your Tullamore' and the establishment of the Tullamore Chamber of Commerce are just two of the achievements of the Junior Chamber in the past. The town has also benefited from some permanent changes thanks to Junior Chamber. The Town Park and O'Connor Square were developed by Junior Chamber in conjunction with other local organisations.

Committee Members of the Tullamore branch 2004 are: Tom Lawless (President), Eileen Flanagan (Secretary), Anne-Marie Twomey (Treasurer), Leonie Geraghty (PRO), Damien Larkin (Membership Officer), Teresa O'Hanlon (Sports and Social Events Officer), Olga Hand (Public Speaking and Debating Officer) and Colin Mealiff (Development Officer).

Junior Chamber meets once a month. The next meeting of the Chapter will be held on Thursday 15th April, in the Bridge House Hotel at 9.30pm and all are welcome.

Alternatively, further information on the Junior Chamber may be obtained by contacting Tom Lawless on 086-3252873 or by logging on to [www.juniorchamberireland.org](http://www.juniorchamberireland.org).