



Monthly Newsletter August 2005

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Letter from the President

Dear all,

As we start August and our traditional break before National Recruitment Month in September, I would like to thank all of you who have made the first seven months of 2005 so special and memorable for me. To the members of this year's National Executive, Branch Presidents and of you, members of JCI, thank you for your support and encouragement. Your enthusiasm and goodwill was especially evident as I accompanied JCI World President, Kevin Cullinane, on his recent official visit to Ireland. To have the opportunity to meet committed members of JCI Galway, Limerick, Carrick On Shannon, Tullamore and the East Region Branches was wonderful. It was also encouraging during that visit to be so well received externally, by the Mayor of Galway, President & Chief Executive of Galway Chamber of Commerce, The Chairman of Tullamore Town Council, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, the Director General of the National Youth Council of Ireland, the President of AISEC in Ireland and the Chief Executive of the Chambers of Commerce of Ireland. I particularly hope to be able to build on the relationship with AISEC and the Chambers of Commerce of Ireland for the benefit of all of our organisations.

Many thanks also to JCI Cork for hosting such a successful President's Day and to all of the members from all over the country who attended. It was fitting to be able to meet the Lord Mayor of Cork during Cork's year as European City of Culture and the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of JCI Cork. The Lord Mayor is fully aware of JCI Cork's role in the life of her city and it was wonderful for me to see in what high esteem she held the local organisation.

I am delighted to be able to report on the success again this year of the British Irish Leadership Academy. Congratulations to all graduates, especially the members of JCI Ireland.

As we hope for the good weather to return for a month of relaxation, please remember that September will be National Recruitment month. How good it would be to see the fruits of that campaign in the form of new faces at National Convention in Clontarf in October.

Please enjoy the summer and return to JCI with fresh optimism and energy in September.

James Corcoran
National President,
Junior Chamber International, Ireland

Upcoming events:

Deadline for entries for National Convention 2005:

TOYP = 26th August (Friday) 2005

E-Awards = 23rd September (Friday) 2005

International Weekend, Edinburgh 12th – 14th August

This August, Edinburgh Junior Chamber of Commerce invites friends old and new to enjoy their unique brand of hospitality during the world famous Edinburgh International and Fringe Arts Festivals. For further information please contact Catherine Laffey on 087-6315574 or by email to cat_laff@yahoo.co.uk

JCI UK National Conference 2005, Portsmouth 8th – 11th September

Further information is available through the links on the JCI Ireland website or from maureen.frost@chamber.org.uk

US Junior Chamber 85th Annual Meeting, Boston, 15th – 18th September

Accommodation is in The Seaport Hotel where the room rate is \$159.00 plus tax for single, double, triple, or quad occupancy. With Aer Lingus flights to Boston currently available at €149 each way it might be more affordable than you think! Further information is available from www.usjaycees.org/boston.

JCI Ireland National Convention 2005 - 7th to 9th October

National Convention 2005 will be hosted by JCI Fingal. The Venue is Clontarf Castle hotel, Dublin 3. The overall price is €295 which includes accommodation, €195 without accommodation. Early registration (before 31st July 2005) is €250. Registration form now available at: <http://www.jcinatconventionireland.org/>

60th World Congress 2005 – October 24th to 29th - Early Registration closes on 28th August

The 60th World Congress will take place in Vienna, Austria. For further details please see <http://www.vienna2005.com/>. Early Registration is €355 until the 28th of August, after that date it is €395. The Irish Delegation hotel is Best Western Stefanie Hotel.

The Big Weekend incorporating National Awards, Leeds 25th – 27th November

To book on line, go to <http://www.jciuk.org.uk/events.asp> and click on The Big Weekend. Registration for the weekend is £95. Further information and accommodation details are available through the website.

JCI Ireland AGM 2006 - 14th January Commodore Hotel Cobh (TBC)

JCI Ireland AGM 2006 will be hosted by JCI Cobh. The Venue will probably be the Commodore Hotel in Cobh. Full details to be provided at National Convention.

Update from the Chapters

(Chapters are listed in alphabetical order)

JCI Cobh

The month of July was a special month for all in JCI Cobh as this month 10 years ago, was when Kevin Cullinane, along with Hendrick Verwey and others, re-founded JCI Cobh. It was so appropriate that almost to the day, the now World President of JCI, our own Kevin Cullinane, joined members of the chapter for the monthly meeting in the Commodore Hotel. And it was even more fitting as Kevin was about to begin his week long official visit to Ireland.

As part of the 10th Anniversary celebrations, JCI Cobh has organised "Summer Sizzler", a Harbour Cruise and BBQ to take place on Saturday August 13th commencing at 3.30pm. The cost for the day is €25 and early booking is advised, and can be made by contacting President Darragh on 086 1598704 or by mailing, dmcgann@jci.cc

On Friday November 18th, JCI Cobh is organising a Black Tie Dinner Dance to both celebrate the 10th Anniversary and the culmination of Kevin's Year as World President.

JCI Cobh would also like to congratulate JCI Cork for organising a very successful President's Day. It was a truly memorable day and well done to all.

JCI Cobh is currently engaging in discussions with local publications so as to gain better Media coverage for JCI and in September we are organising a Public Speaking Competition for Secondary Schools on the theme of "Drugs Awareness".

Finally, following on from the presentation given in Tullamore on Effective Speaking and in Preparation for next year's competition, if any chapter would like Darragh McGann, President JCI Cobh, to give training on Effective Speaking, please do not hesitate to contact him.

JCI Limerick

JCI Limerick's monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, 16th July, Pery's Hotel, which celebrated the visit of Kevin Cullinane, JCI World President, and James Corcoran, National President. Both addressed the meeting in Pery's, with Kevin outlining his aims of Membership, Marketing and Media. Kevin and James were accompanied by Darragh McGann, President JCI Cobh.

JCI Limerick got great media coverage from the visit, with slots on the local radio station Live95FM, press coverage in daily edition of the Limerick Leader, and week-end publication, the Limerick Post.



JCI Limerick held it's annual Charity Cruise on Friday 24th June, great fun was had by all, and Euro 1,000 is now being donated to MS Ireland. A number of JCI Limerick's members paid a visit to the City of Culture, Cork on Saturday 23rd July for President's Day. A table quiz and new members night is being planned for September - details to follow soon. Congratulations to Jessica and Michael Colleran on the birth of their daughter Leah. Next JCI Limerick Meeting is Wednesday, 3rd August, 8pm, Pery's Hotel, Glentworth Street, Limerick.

Latest News on National Convention 2005

Interview with the Directors of National Convention 2005

“The National Convention of the World President”

Where the Convention Directors reveal that a major sponsorship deal has been struck and why it is so important that all members of JCI Ireland attend National Convention 2005.

‘The National Convention of the World President’ has lately been the working title for JCI Fingal’s COC of National Convention 2005.

Conference Director Melissa Dursley (known as ‘M’) explains: “It is important for us to focus on the fact that JCI Ireland National Convention 2005 is going to be different as we will put the spotlight on the members of JCI Ireland. This is where Aileen and I and the whole COC of JCI Fingal are going to put our fingerprint. ‘Less ceremonial, more membership-based’ was our mission from the beginning. Add to this vision that National Convention has to be better because the eyes of the world will be on us during the weekend of 7th-9th Ireland being custodians of the World Presidency”.

Aileen Madden (‘Miss Money Penny’) chips in: “Therefore, it was very important for us to secure a major sponsorship deal. Needless to say, we are delighted with the sponsorship from Allied Irish Banks. It makes our vision possible. We will over the next while be working closely with the bank and the NEC to make sure that the members get value for money and – equally important – that our partners in AIB get a return from their investment. We will do our bit but we rely on the members of JCI Ireland to turn up in big numbers – and support our organisation and our World President.”

Aileen continues: “Let me summarize what is already ‘in the bag’ for the weekend:

- It has been revealed that Ireland produces comparatively few female entrepreneurs. Is there a reason why we neglect 50% of the workforce and can our economy sustain that? Prominent Business People and politicians (male and female) have been invited to discuss the theme ‘Enterprising Females?’ on Saturday 8th October...
- take a tour with Viking Splash Tours’ amphibious vehicle into Dublin’s Liffey on alternative delegates, go on a shopping spree and win prizes, or watch a European Cup Soccer Qualifier (no, not in Lansdowne Road) ...
- meet ‘past agents’ in the person of Agent 000 Toner, 001 Hosty, Agent 002 Hanlon, Agent 003 Doyle and Agent 004 Garvin at the ‘Thunderball’ gala...
- be ready for a Quiz and plenty of spot prizes at a ‘You Only Live Twice’ Quiz for the Thunderball gala...
- a conference fee of only €250 if application and money with Fingal on or before 31st July 2005.”

What? Junior Chamber Ireland National Convention hosted by JCI Fingal

Where? Clontarf Castle

When? 7th-9th October 2005

How much? €250 early registration, €295 after 31st July

Info/registration? Check out www.jcinatconventionireland.org

“my name is James ... James Corcoran’

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Upcoming International events - by Catherine Laffey Director of International Affairs 2005



International Weekend, Edinburgh 12th – 14th August

This August, Edinburgh Junior Chamber of Commerce invites friends old and new to enjoy their unique brand of hospitality during the world famous Edinburgh International and Fringe Arts Festivals. The itinerary includes a tour of Edinburgh castle, the International Military Tattoo and the Fringe Sunday Free Festival in Meadows Park. Whether you are into music, comedy, culture, or shopping – it's all catered for in the programme for the weekend and there will be plenty of opportunities to relax and get to know our hosts and soak up the atmosphere too.

JCI UK National Conference 2005, Portsmouth 8th – 11th September

JCI Portsmouth present 'A Voyage of Discovery' the JCI UK National Conference this September. The impressive programme includes a welcome buffet and quiz, an interesting Business Day programme featuring keynote speakers and business debates, Nelsons Global Challenge Party and a Golden Gala Ball and Banquet to celebrate JCI Portsmouth's 50th birthday. Budget accommodation is available in the University Halls or in nearby hotels. Further information is available through the links on the JCI Ireland website or from maureen.frost@chamber.org.uk



US Junior Chamber Annual Meeting, Boston, 15th – 18th September

This year the 85th Annual meeting of the US Jaycees will take place in the beautiful city of Boston. The weekend's highlights include the Opening Ceremony and "Welcome To Boston Party", Jaycee Idol And Jaycee Challenge Finals, and the Ten Outstanding Young Americans Ceremony and Awards Banquet. Accommodation is in The Seaport Hotel where the room rate is \$159.00 plus tax for single, double, triple, or quad occupancy. With Aer Lingus flights to Boston currently available at €149 each way it might be more affordable than you think! Further information is available from www.usjaycees.org/boston.

JCI World Congress, Vienna, 24th – 29th October

Don't forget that early registration for World Congress ends on the 28th August. There are still some rooms left in the Hotel Stefanie but you need to be quick as they are booking out fast. I have two males with a room each booked in the Hotel Stefanie looking for someone to share with and two females without rooms looking to share with someone who has! If anyone else is looking for a roommate, please let me know and I will do my best to accommodate everyone.

The Big Weekend incorporating National Awards, Leeds 25th – 27th November

The weekend promises not to be just about awards, but to give you a fantastic flavour of both JCI and the beautiful city of Leeds. Planned activities include a champagne reception and buffet, a trip to the Xscape centre, the extempore public speaking competition and the National Awards ceremony and celebratory dinner. To book on line, go to <http://www.jciuk.org.uk/events.asp> and click on The Big Weekend. Registration for the weekend is £95. Further information and accommodation details are available through the website.



For further information or queries on any International events, please contact me on 087-6315574 or by email to cat_laff@yahoo.co.uk

Catherine Laffey
Director of International Affairs 2005

TOYP Deadline Extension - by Karen Sweeney TOYP Manager 2005

Good news for those of you considering submitting a nomination for TOYP 2005. The closing date for entries has been extended to midnight, Friday 26th August 2005.

JCI officially adopted the TOYP program in 1981. Its purpose is to honour ten individuals between the ages of 18 and 40 who exemplify the finest attributes of the world's young people.

TOYP offers a wonderful opportunity to recognise the efforts and achievements of outstanding young people who inspire those around them with their courage, talent and determination.

The nomination criteria focuses on ten specific classifications, and judging is based on the nominees' achievements in or contributions to the following categories:

1. Business, economic, and/or entrepreneurial accomplishment,
2. Political, legal and/or governmental affairs,
3. Academic leadership and/or accomplishment,
4. Cultural achievement,
5. Moral and/or environmental leadership,
6. Contribution to children, world peace, and /or human rights,
7. Humanitarian and/or voluntary service,
8. Scientific and/or technological development,
9. Personal improvement and/or accomplishment,
10. Medical innovation.

Please submit application forms and the required photos to karenms@eircom.net

An application form and guidelines for its completion can be found at www.jci-ireland.org/toyp/

Report on British Irish Leadership Academy: 1st – 3rd July, Coventry - by Catherine Laffey Deputy President JCI Galway

A number of years ago, JCI Ireland and JCI UK initiated a partnership to provide leadership training to their members. The British Irish Leadership Academy features the JCI LEAD training programme, which like PRIME is an official JCI Training Programme. LEAD is aimed at members who want to develop their skills as a team, organisation or project leader. It is particularly beneficial for anyone currently in the Deputy President role or planning on taking up this position in the near future.



This year's British Irish Leadership Academy took place at the impressive Cable & Wireless Training and Conference Centre outside Coventry. We were fortunate to have Kjersti Bergsaker-Aspøy (JCI Ireland's IVP and one of the original designers of the LEAD program) as Head Trainer. Kjersti was assisted by Ilze Augstkalne from Latvia and the 11 participants were well taken care of all weekend by Sam Sumerfield and Hayley Hall. My fellow Irish participants were Pat Murnane (JCI Limerick), Elizabeth O'Donohoe (JCI Dublin) and Orla Ryng (JCI Cork).

The course is very interactive and involves a lot of group exercises and presentations as well as outdoor activities. Over the weekend we learned about impact leadership and the five roles of the JCI leader. We identified the eight core competencies of a JCI leader and looked at practical ways of developing these competencies and playing the key roles in our own chapters. We finished by beginning to design our individual plan of action and planning our JCI careers.

The weekend ended with a high impact session with Nigel Jardine, which brought all the threads together and showed us all just how much we had learned and grown over the weekend.

LEAD was one of the best JCI training events I have ever attended and an important step in planning for my year as LOM President. LEAD is a brilliant training programme and crucial for all future JCI leaders. I can't recommend it highly enough and I encourage all branches to consider sending a participant next year. In addition, I made some great friends and I know we will all support and help each other in the coming year.

Catherine Laffey
Deputy President JCI Galway



Field Report: President's Day in Cork - by Ronan Gingles JCI Waterford

It's always a pleasure to go to the real capital – birthplace of Junior Chamber in Ireland many moons ago after all. And given the year that's in it I dare say quite a number of the 40 or so JCI members who made it to the European Capital of Culture for President's Day (3rd National) on July 23rd will be back for another taste before 2006. But for now, courtesy of event organiser Orla Ryng and her team, a packed schedule of meetings, a spot of training, local colour, tourism and craic was laid in front of us.

After lunch (National Council met in the morning - National Exec having met the previous night) MacDara Hosty – a man who manages to virtually simultaneously work in 4 corners of Ireland; chair a rugby club; have a family life; hug for Ireland and do a bit of JCI – provided afternoon insight into 'Life Balance'. We all know exactly where it is we're going wrong now. Apparently I need to work on the spiritual side of my being among other aspects if I'm to keep my chakras in equilibrium.

Afterwards, the culture vultures were let loose to stroll down 'Pana' or take in the galleries and exhibitions underpinning Cork 2005 before a tasty meal in Currans.

Of course, they do things differently in the Cork. And they speak another language entirely to the rest of us. A post-meal quiz allowed us visitors to compete to see who could negotiate their way through the intricacies of the distinct local lexicon. The hosting 'feins' and 'lashers' were obviously excluded from this activity so in the end Declan from Limerick – a 'crabbit' man who clearly knows the difference between his 'bazzar' and his 'skull' – won honorary Corkonian citizenship (9 out of 9 correct!). Meanwhile, at the other end of the field, before he returns to the People's Republic, Declan from Tullamore will need to swot up on Leeside-speak courtesy of his new and much-needed 'Dictionary of Cork Slang'.

Sunday morning was (as always with these things) a bleary eyed experience for the brave souls who surfaced in time for the 'Cork Uncovered' (almost 'Cork Underwater' given the weather) Treasure Hunt. A joint Galway-Waterford team armed only with a slab of complimentary Lucozade, a badly smudged answer sheet and a beaten-up umbrella navigated their way to victory through a series of poetically-composed cryptic clues (well done to Mr. Ryng – the bard of Bishopstown!). It wasn't to the museums and galleries (too obvious!) that he sent us but rather to the shop windows and sidestreets. Please note: no treasurers were hunted in the making of this activity.

Our thanks to Orla, Chapter President Denis and all the team of JCI Cork for their planning and hospitality...like.

Ronan Gingles
JCI Waterford



Operation Hope – Update

Shown below is JCI National President, James Corcoran, presenting a cheque for €6,500 from JCI Ireland (raised by branches throughout the country and the National Organisation) to JCI President Kevin Cullinane at the recent East Region barbeque for Operation Hope. President Kevin flew to the tsunami affected region of India the morning after this photograph was taken. He promised to look for a village where the money could be invested to buy new fishing boats to replace one or two lost in the tsunami disaster.



Twining request - by Catherine Laffey Director of International Affairs 2005

Twining Request From the US

A JCI chapter in Janesville, Wisconsin is interested in twinning with a chapter in Ireland. Janesville is about 35 miles south of Madison and has a population of 60,000 (1 of the 10 largest cities in Wisconsin)

including a large Irish population. The JCI branch in Janesville has 89 members and is the third largest chapter in the state. The projects they run include an Easter Egg Hunt, May Baskets for the elderly, Relay 4 Life, 4th of July Festival, and an Irish Fest. For further information contact Ruthy Ledger at: ruthyledgerjc@hotmail.com

Strengthen JCI through the JCI Wall of Honour Program

We now have a new and beautiful JCI Headquarters building in Chesterfield, St. Louis, Missouri. However, in order for the new JCI Headquarters to efficiently serve our members worldwide, we need to invest \$250,000 in state-of-the-art IT equipment, financial software, proper furnishings, and external landscaping.

In 2005, JCI's 60th anniversary year, JCI Members, Senators, Local and National Organizations, Foundation Donors, and Benefactors have the opportunity to contribute towards the \$250,000 needed by taking part in the JCI Wall of Honour program, coordinated by the JCI Foundation.

A Commemorative Brick for each \$500 Donation

Contributors are making \$500 donations. Each contributor's name is etched on a Commemorative Brick on the JCI Wall of Honour, displayed outside the JCI Headquarters, overlooking the Chesterfield Valley.

Is your name already on at least one of the 500 Commemorative Bricks originally available? Make sure the JCI Wall of Honour displays a lasting testimony of your generosity and your contribution to JCI's future.

Please complete the JCI Wall of Honor Form and email it to JCI Foundation Manager Earl Sawyer, esawyer@jci.cc. If you prefer, you may send it by fax (1-636-449-3107) or by regular mail (to the attention of JCI Foundation Manager, 15645 Olive Blvd., Chesterfield, MO 63017, USA).

Your 2005 National Executive

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