

Booming Businesses

MANY INNOVATIVE ENTREPRENEURS AND SMALL-MEDIUM SIZED ENTERPRISES ARE FINDING GAPS IN THE MARKET TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES ACROSS SOUTH DUBLIN

Amongst these new businesses is TaxAssist Accountants. The new walk-in tax and accountancy advice service helps small businesses and the self employed with their financial matters.

In a move away from convention, TaxAssist Accountants operates from bright, open retail units. Clients can simply call in off the street to discuss their finances without an appointment. "We offer a free one hour consultation and always work on a fixed fee basis so there are no hidden fees," says Greg Murphy, Director of TaxAssist Accountants.

Dublin is full of driven entrepreneurs who are hungry to prove themselves in the business world. Six

months ago, Jenny Dilley created a recruitment website with a difference. CanAnybodyDoThis.ie facilitates small businesses to hire highly qualified professionals on a short-term basis.

After a slow six months, Jenny says that business is really picking up. "It's going well. People who know about the website are always very complimentary about it."

As many small businesses struggle with maintaining websites (not to mention mobile friendly websites), Freda McEnroe spotted a gap in the market for her business. Freda will soon be launching pop-up-page.com. The website will allow small businesses to create instant mobile web pages which showcase their products in a simple and effective way. "Once they have created a profile, a business can load



images of their products and form a mobile web page instantly," says Freda.

Hughes Weir Financial Services was set up last year by Graham Hughes and Tom Weir. They spotted an opportunity in the market for a well-run client focused brokerage providing impartial advice and an easily accessible personal service.

The firm specialises in providing advice in retirement planning, business and personal protection, investments, deposits and mortgages. "Our

clients can expect regular contact, annual reviews and on-going advice to ensure that their financial plan is on track now and in the future," says Graham.

Nowadays we rely on our computers for many things. When something goes wrong with a computer it can often give us a major headache. Set up in 1991, A1 Computers have been providing technical support for customers without nasty hidden costs.

"At A1 Computers we use lots of clever computer and software tools to ensure

that we keep our customers' computers top condition," says Melanie Kovero, Managing Director.

However, it is not just in the financial and technical sectors where new enterprises are popping up. Sandyford based company, Iona Garden Services, provide a specialised gardening service all year round. Among the many services available are fence and garden furniture repair, planting blubs and installing water harvesters. "I also offer a holiday maintenance service to keep your lawn cut and edges trimmed while you are away," says Cian Fleetwood, owner of Iona Garden Services.

Kiltiernan-based interior store Hedgeroe, have launched their own clever new furniture range. The multi-tasking Hampton Collection can offer a host of solutions whether you are

space conscious or simply need a change of look.

"With this collection you can turn a coffee table into a summer bench simply by switching table trays for a seat cushion and slotting on a fretwork back. A chest can become a wardrobe by sitting an armoire on top," says Hedgeroe founder Rhona Roe.

The Stillorgan Park Hotel, part of the Talbot Hotel Group, is a four-star hotel situated south of Dublin City Centre. Boasting 150 bedrooms and 20 conference rooms, The Stillorgan Park Hotel is the perfect location for both business and pleasure in Dublin.

"With so many exciting events taking place around the city in 2012, we are looking forward to welcoming new visitors through our doors," says Ailbhe Stephens, Sales and Marketing Manager.

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