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Chamber welcomes reopening of businesses in Dundalk

Dundalk Chamber welcomes the opening of businesses across Dundalk and its environs, in the the first move towards reopening businesses and returning to a 'new normal'.

It has been a difficult number of months, but the Chamber along with its committees have been working together to support local business.by

1. Posting daily on the Shop Local Facebook pages with details of businesses that are open or are selling online.
2. The promotion of the Shop Local Gift Vouchers continues as normal
3. Training initiatives which have been hugely oversubscribed and repeated to meet demand. Details on www.dundalkskillnets.ie
4. Moving conferences to the “new normal” of remote working.
5. Normal Chamber activity, including certs of origin for exporting companies.
6. Participating in Chambers Ireland national response feeding into Government policy
7. Notifying members of Government initiatives and making our voice heard on matters important for Dundalk and region.

Shop Local

Dundalk Chamber is also calling on members of the community to buy shop local Gift vouchers from Dundalk Chamber by calling 042 9336343 or email accounts@dundalk.ie or on line on <http://shoplocal.dundalk.ie>

Dundalk Chamber is asking shoppers to look local first when shopping. Paddy Malone PRO of Dundalk Chamber is “calling on consumers to play their part to help support local shops and businesses over the coming period.

Training and related

We are encouraging all retailers to contact Louth Leo who can assist in the funding of going on line either as an initial set up or an upgrade. This can be done in conjunction with the Chamber Skillsnet training, which has proved highly successful.

Dundalk Chamber has been running an extensive training schedule under their Skillnet programme. Manager Aidan Callan has developed an online training presence, which since April has had over 450 people registered from 150 companies.

These courses have been focused on two areas

1. Business Survival Training
2. Business Recovery Training

Business Survival covered core skills such as Leadership in a Crisis, Managing Finances in a Crisis, Change Management, Managing Teams Remotely, Resilience and Health & Wellness.

Online conferences

The Chamber's first successful online conference was the Cross-Border Tourism with over 200 people from all over Ireland participating in the event in April.

The second Business After Hours Club continued online with speakers covering topics such as the 7 key Principles of PR with Gaye Maguire and Una McGoey of ANU Change will speak on understanding personalities on the 28th May 2020 at 7pm to 8pm on zoom. These events are all free.

Representing Dundalk Businesses

The Chamber has been updating their membership on a weekly basis with the latest information on Government Grant Aid.

Paddy Malone PRO of Dundalk Chamber has been communicating with Chambers of Commerce from all over Ireland on a weekly basis through the Chambers Ireland network.

Normal matters

Dundalk Chamber of Commerce continues to issue 'Certificates of Origin' for exporters and have maintained this service throughout the pandemic.

The Chamber Council have held their monthly meetings online and will host the May meeting online also.

Dundalk Chamber has an extensive events programme planned for the second half of 2020 and the hope is that events will be able to take place in hotels so that members can network again not just online.

Press release ends

For further information on this press release call Paddy Malone PRO Dundalk Chamber on 042 9336744 or email paddy@malone.ie