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The Limerick Chamber Regional Business Awards now in its 10th year of fruition, is held annually by Limerick Chamber and The Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest, the awards are designed to acknowledge companies in the local region who strive for success each day. The awards are designed to recognise the hard work, commitment and innovative approach each company has showcased which has contributed to the growth of the company and in turn the region itself.


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The organisation has 1,192 staff as of February 2015.

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Each award recognizes the commitment of nominated companies to succeed through innovation, investment expansion, strategic acquisition and service performance that has led to a significant increase in business. The Limerick Chamber Regional Business Awards will award The Best Not for Profit Award to an organization, in operation for at least 12 months based in the Mid-West Region, that demonstrates a significant positive impact on the community it serves. This can be in a variety of areas such as social, economic, environmental, or cultural impacts.

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Each award recognizes the commitment of nominated companies to succeed through innovation, investment expansion, strategic acquisition and service performance that has led to a significant increase in business. The Limerick Chamber Regional Business Awards will award The Best employer Business: Employee Talent Development & Workplace Wellness of the Year award to an organisation, trading for more than 2 years in the Mid-West Region, that is striving to create a world class environment for its employees, setting the highest standards in talent development and personal wellness. This award recognizes the organisation that has excelled in this area demonstrating enterprise-wide success as a result of embedded and consistent employee talent development and tailored wellness support.

In today's competitive global job market, being a well-known organization or having a famous consumer brand name is not enough to attract and retain top talent and even more challenging if you are a small, yet unknown company with opportunities to grow globally with the right team. Organizations need to actively promote their strengths and demonstrate why they should be considered a preferred employer to work for.

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2021 BEST PANDEMIC PIVOT AWARD

Organisations need to shape, adapt, and renew their underlying business model on a continuous basis to stay competitive. The Limerick Chamber Regional Business Awards will award The Best Business Pivot award to an organisation that has demonstrated breakthrough success in pivoting its business during the last 24 months.

The Award recognises excellence in business reinvention, strategy and resource, and capability adaption to leverage a new opportunity that led to business sustainability during COVID as well as growth and job creation

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We operate under the umbrella of Skillnet Ireland, which includes 65 networks around Ireland. The name "Skillnet" reflects the marriage of the two core aspects of what we facilitate, upskilling and networking.

Limerick Chamber Skillnet is funded by Skillnet Ireland and member companies. Skillnet Ireland is funded from the National Training Fund through the Department of Education and Skills. Limerick Chamber Skillnet offers businesses in the Mid-West subsidies of up to 20% towards Training Programmes and Staff Development. We also offer funding for Future Skills Training and Development for the development of new programmes for various sectors and for employment activation programmes. Our Skillnet programmes are developed in line with each organisation's specific requirements, timeframes and schedule and can be run onsite (locally) or online, and so are highly cost-effective. Training content is fully customisable, and programmes can be company-specific or public mixed groups.

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Each award recognizes the commitment of nominated companies to succeed through innovation, investment expansion, strategic acquisition and service performance that has led to a significant increase in business. This award especially recognizes the achievements of companies in the region that have demonstrated success through innovation, investment, expansion, strategic Acquisition and service performance that has led to a significant increase in business.

The overall 2021 Limerick Chamber Regional Business of the Year Award is chosen from amongst the finalists and recognises their outstanding sustainable achievements and business success in 2021, this is a company who our judging panel feel have shown the most outstanding growth and success or the most compelling opportunity in the last 12 months with a significant positive impact in their marketplace or the region.

The Overall Winner will be announced via our virtual event.

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"The Technological University of the Shannon; Midlands Midwest, TUS, represents our new beginning, are delighted to be the main sponsor of the Limerick Chamber Regional Business Awards and the Best Overall Business of the Year Award again this year under our new identity. The Limerick Chamber Regional Awards acknowledge businesses that have not just survived but have adapted and thrived during the challenging times of the last two years. We have seen inspirational levels of resilience and ingenuity from organisations across the region. These awards recognise and reward business excellence, innovation, best practices and outstanding business performance. LIT and AIT became a Technological University on 1st of Oct and we, like many organisations, have gone through a renewal, some of those changes have been involuntary such as the wearing of face masks and social distancing, but many, have been driven by us because of our shared vision of impactful collaboration, excellence in education, research and our spirit of innovation, entrepreneurship, and community. We encourage all organisations to enter these awards this year. Celebrate your successes, share your story with your peers, acknowledge the loyalty of your customers and recognise your employees for their hard work and commitment. These awards are a great platform for all organisations in the region. Best wishes to all the entrants!"



Professor Vincent Cunnane

*President Technological University
of the Shannon; Midlands Midwest*

2021 JUDGING PANEL

We would very much like to extend a special thanks to this year's judging panel, who brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the awards process, the judges were very impressed with the calibre of applicant for this year's Limerick Chamber Regional Business Awards and have consolidated over a number of hours to list tonight's finalists, we thank them kindly for the time and effort in reading each application, travelling for the judging session and for their advice and guidance in ensuring we deliver an awards process that is efficient and seamless for the applicants.

2021 JUDGING PANEL



Lorna Conn

Deputy CEO CPL Resources (Chairperson)
Lorna has previously held senior roles in a number of public companies, residing in both Ireland and America during this time. Lorna is a qualified Chartered Accountant and trained with Deloitte. Lorna graduated with a commerce degree from University College Dublin and holds a master's in accounting from the Michael Smurfit Business School.



Liam Woulfe

CEO Grassland Agro
Liam is a former EY entrepreneur of the Year finalist and a former winner of the Limerick Chamber Best Family Business Award 2017.



Sean Lally

Manager and Co-Owner of Hotel Woodstock
Sean is a past president and former director of Limerick Chamber of Commerce.



Paul Shelley

Business Advisor & Non-Executive Director
Paul is a Former partner with EY in Galway and a past President of Galway Chamber of Commerce.



Suzy O'Keefe

Head of Digital and Communications, Design & Crafts Council Ireland
Suzy is the national agency for the commercial development of Irish designers and makers, stimulating innovation and informing government policy.



Tomas Sercovich

CEO Business in the Community Ireland
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Limerick Chamber would like to thank all our wonderful sponsors for the support and time taken to be a part of this event and to be a part of the awards which are designed to recognise the hard work and commitment of companies in Limerick and its surrounding regions.

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The event itself would not be possible without those who took the time to apply for this year's Limerick Chamber Regional Business Awards, from the nominees to the applicants and the finalists, thank you so much for all your hard work and effort from all the awards sponsors and all at Limerick Chamber. The awards are a fantastic initiative within the region to showcase the innovation and development happening throughout the region.

Thank you again, we hoped you enjoyed today's event.

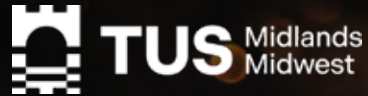


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