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Aura leisure scoop awards

CORK company Aura Sport and Leisure Management has completed a unique double at the recent Annual Quality and Excellence Awards.

Aura Sport and Leisure Management won the Rehab National Team of the Year Award for large/corporate enterprise, while Kevin Moore from Aura's central support team received the Rehab Team Player of the Year Award which were organised by the Excellence Ireland Quality Association (EIQA).

The pay-as-you-go leisure centre group has two outlets in Cork, one in Youghal and the other in Cobh.

"We pride ourselves on our proven approach to managing our leisure centres to the highest possible standards and employing the best people to do this."

"So it is great to receive national recognition for this," said Gar Holohan, the company's chairman.

The Annual Quality and Excellence Awards were established in 1968 to promote business excellence across all industries.

This year's awards were presented by Michael Aherne, Minister for Innovation Policy, which saw over 1,000 companies, organisations and enterprises attend.

The awards were split into 24 categories spread across three main areas - Quality and Excellence, Hygiene and Food Safety and Employee Management.

This is another high profile award for Aura, who recently received the Gold Medal from the International Federation of Persons with Physical Disabilities, while in June it was named as the overall winner at the O2 Ability Awards.



Batt O'Keefe TD and Fiona Foley at the opening of the new Ballincollig Town Centre offices of Fiona Foley & Company Solicitors which were officially opened by Batt O'Keefe TD, Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

State of the art €1.5m office

SOLICITOR Fiona Foley has invested a sizeable €1.5m in a brand new legal office in Ballincollig.

The Ballincollig town centre offices of Fiona Foley & Company Solicitors were officially opened by Batt O'Keefe, Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

"The official opening of our new offices heralds a new era for Fiona Foley & Company and we very much look forward to continuing to grow the business while providing an excellent legal service to all of our clients," said Ms Foley, Managing Partner.

By BRIAN WINDERS
Business Reporter

Mr O'Keefe congratulated Ms Foley for their foresight and courage in investing so significantly in the provision of state-of-the-art legal facilities. "I know that Fiona Foley & Co was recently named the Best Organised Young Firm in a benchmarking survey."

"I believe this was due to Fiona and her team's unprecedented commitment to servicing their clients. With the opening of these fine new offices I can see Fiona and her firm going from strength to strength," added Mr O'Keefe.

The new 3,500 square-foot premises represents an investment of €1.5m for the legal practice, with a high specification fit-out including a fireproof storeroom for wills, deeds and other vital documents. The premises is highly computerised and possesses the latest technology available in terms of on-line case management, ISO accreditation and digital dictation.

As the practice continues to grow and develop, it plans to concentrate on expanding its thriving commercial law business among the small to medium enterprise sector; in the areas of commercial leases, commercial property, franchise agreements, business disputes and related areas.

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGE SHARES

PRICES AT 10.30AM TODAY

Top 10 Irish Shares	10.30am	11.00am	11.58am
Albany - Iex	6.02	6.06	6.02
Agri Therapeutics - Iex	1.27	0.00	0.00
Air Lingus Group	2.70	0.01	2.69
Allied Irish Banks	16.30	0.20	16.10
Amaris Corp - Iex	0.23	0.00	0.00
Amwest	0.34	0.00	0.00
Andor Technology - Iex	1.15	0.00	1.15
Anglo Irish Bank	11.23	-0.26	11.58
Blackrock International Land - Iex	0.33	-0.01	-0.03
Bank Of Ireland	10.83	-0.18	-0.02
Boundary Capital - Iex	0.61	0.00	0.61
CB&I	26.54	-0.29	-0.01
C&C Group	4.35	0.05	4.30
CIJ Resources - Iex	1.60	0.00	1.60
Datalife	0.70	0.00	0.70
DCC	10.50	0.36	10.15
Diageo	14.42	0.00	14.42
Donnegal Creameries - Iex	6.30	0.00	6.30
Dragon Oil	4.52	-0.10	4.62
Elan Corp	16.45	0.22	16.13
Finance Ireland - Iex	0.27	0.00	0.27
F&D Holdings	23.40	-0.05	23.95
Fort Derivatives - Iex	4.25	0.00	4.25
Fyffes - Iex	0.94	-0.01	0.95
Gaeremore Irish	13.85	0.00	13.85
Gettable Europe - Iex	0.13	-0.05	0.17
Glanbia	4.54	0.00	4.54
Glanbia Mining - Iex	0.11	0.00	0.11
Grafton Group	6.31	0.15	6.16
Greenore Group	4.25	0.12	4.03
Horizon Technology Group	0.82	0.00	0.82
IMRG Group	15.10	0.00	15.10
IFG Group	1.45	-0.02	-0.01
Isop	39.25	0.00	39.25
Independent News & Media	2.05	0.00	2.15
Iona Technologies	2.40	0.00	2.40
Irish Life And Permanent	13.95	-0.28	14.23
Kearney Resources	0.43	0.00	0.43
Kearney Resources	0.73	0.00	0.73
Kerry Group	22.61	0.01	22.60
Kilgobbin Group	14.70	0.20	14.60
Lappi Path - Iex	0.24	0.00	0.24
Mulberry Holdings	1.35	0.07	1.29
Newscorp Group - Iex	1.12	0.00	1.12
Northern Group - Iex	1.95	0.00	1.95
O'Grady & Butler	0.17	-0.01	0.18
Origin Enterprises - Iex	3.70	0.02	3.68
Omniscia Mining - Iex	0.16	0.00	0.16
Ovoca Gold - Iex	0.20	0.00	0.20
Paddy Power	22.81	-0.20	22.20
Petrochemical International - Iex	0.11	0.00	0.11
Petrolink Resources - Iex	0.38	0.00	0.38
Prime Active Capital - Iex	0.86	-0.02	0.89
Providence Resources - Iex	0.09	0.00	0.08
Quakerman Shires	0.09	0.00	0.09
Reamysk	1.67	0.04	0.62
Real Estate Opportunities	1.35	0.00	1.25
Ryanair Holdings	4.59	-0.07	4.66
Shibsey - Iex	0.65	-0.04	0.63
Sinn Féin Group	11.77	-0.07	11.84
Teaco	4.14	0.00	4.14
Theobro - Iex	0.17	0.00	0.17
Total Produce - Iex	0.65	0.00	0.65
Tollow Oil	2.22	0.12	2.10
Twe Holdings - Iex	1.20	0.00	1.20
United Drug	3.89	-0.04	3.84

CCEB grant helps give Nova some flare

NOVA Language Solutions Ltd, based in The Rubicon Centre, an innovation centre for entrepreneurs on Cork Institute of Technology campus, specialises in providing English translations for the Information Technology (IT) and Marketing industry sectors.

"With the developments in technology world-wide, the demand for translation services is constantly growing," said Sinéad Healy, founder of Nova Language Solutions Ltd.

Cork City Enterprise Board (CCEB), supported by the Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment and the EU Commission provides advice, information and resources for business start-ups. In this series we highlight the success of firms helped by CCEB.

"Nova Solutions excels in the translation of the language used in software and its supporting material, translating it into English for the relevant target market.

"Our primary market also focuses on business-critical information such as research and development, market research, sales support material or critical internal communications with direct customers in the French, German and Spanish IT industry and also with a

number of multi-national language service-providers based here in Ireland," said Ms Healy.

Cork City Enterprise Board provided Nova Language Solutions Ltd with an employment grant to facilitate the transition from freelance translator to limited company, and this also coincided with the employment of a full-time translator.

For further information on Nova Language Solutions Ltd, please call Sinéad on (021) 4928910.



Sinéad Healy, founder of Nova Language Solutions Ltd.