

The business card BBQ

The business card BBQ took place on Friday September 30 in Merrion Square, and was extremely well attended. About 70 young members were joined by our Society President John Curtin, together with Peter Stafford, Eoin Cuddihy and Zoë O'Connor from the Society. The Young Members Committee felt that it was the ideal opportunity for young members to visit No. 38 to view the home of their new professional body. There was a great atmosphere and a lot of networking – certainly an event we hope to run annually.



Back row (from left): Society Director of Policy and Public Affairs Peter Stafford; Kevin Brady; Stephen McCourt; Shane Caldwell, Treasurer; Michelle Kealy; Kieran Curtin, Immediate Past Chairperson; Paul Huberman; and, Kieran O'Boyle. Front row (from left): Society President John Curtin; Society staff Eoin Cuddihy and Zoe O'Connor; Ivor Ash; Marcus O'Connor, Chairperson; Astrid Lyons, Vice Chairperson; Andrew Ramsey; Noel Clarke; and, Owen Hearty, Secretary.



Young members enjoyed the opportunity to network with colleagues at the business card BBQ.

Upcoming events

The young members hope to roll out more events in the next quarter, including CPD events, five-a-side soccer and many more. Keep an eye out for the emails coming your way and, if you are not on the database, why not contact the Society today and register with them? If you are interested in becoming involved with the Young Members Committee, please do not hesitate to contact the Chairperson, Marcus O'Connor, on marcus@mfo.ie.

Annual Dinner

The Society's annual dinner will be held on Thursday February 2 in the Burlington Hotel. Details and a booking form will be sent out to members in the near future.

The Young Chartered Surveyors Annual Ball

The Young Chartered Surveyors Committee decided that with a new dawning of the new Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland it was time for a fresh venue for their annual ball. 'The Ball in the Burlo' was the title this year and what a fantastic and fun night it turned out to be on Saturday November 5. Due to incredible teamwork by the Committee, who secured a number of well-known sponsors, tickets were generously subsidised, making

it very affordable for our young members to attend. Society President John Curtin and the Young Members Committee Chairperson addressed the attendees. The overall message was that we must have professionalism, standards and ethics at the forefront of our working day, along with an energetic and positive approach to the tougher times we have endured to date. A great night was had by all and we look forward to hosting this event again in 2012.



From left: Holly and Marcus O'Connor; and, John and Bernie Curtin.



From left: Tegan White; Maeve Foley; Laura Torpey; and, Alex Patterson, all from Savills.

Building solutions for a changing world

The challenges and opportunities for managers of corporate occupied property in the current depressed market were the focus of the Irish Property & Facility Management Association's (IPFMA) national conference, held recently in the Croke Park Conference Centre. At the one-day conference, themed 'Building Solutions for a Changing World', a panel of experts from both Ireland and the UK looked at

the many challenges facing property, asset and facility managers in today's changing environment and presented insights as to how best to approach these, as well as offering effective solutions. The keynote speaker was Kingsley Aikins, former CEO of Worldwide Irish Funds. He spoke on 'Networking & the Irish Diaspora; a key piece of Ireland's economic recovery jigsaw'.



Pictured at the Annual Conference of the IPFMA at the Croke Park Conference Centre in Dublin were (from left): Conference Chairman Felix McKenna of NAMA; Paul Keogh, RIAI President; Paul Whelan, IPFMA Chairman; and, John Curtin, President of the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland.

Society publishes new consumer guide



The Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland has published a new user-friendly consumer guide for apartment owners, which covers changes to the law under the new Multi-Unit Development Act (MUD) 2011. Pictured at the launch of the new guide are Chartered Quantity Surveyor Patricia Power from RTÉ's Room to Improve (left) and Siobhan O'Dwyer, Chair of the Property & Facilities Management Professional Group of the Society.

Top valuer joins Murphy Mulhall

Murphy Mulhall has announced the appointment of Olivia Farrell as Director in charge of valuations. Olivia is recognised as one of the leading valuers in the industry, combining experience and perspective with an in-depth knowledge of the Irish market to deliver comprehensive reports and advice.



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