

WELCOME TO THE EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™ AWARDS 2019

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EY Entrepreneur
Of The Year™

BE BRAVE

BE BOLD

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**BY GOING DIGITAL
FOR THIS YEAR'S
1,500 BROCHURES,
WE HAVE SAVED
75,000 PAGES OF
INK AND PAPER.
SMALL STEPS
MATTER.**



AWARDS NIGHT

SCHEDULE

4:30pm Champagne reception

5:30pm **SHARP:**
Seated for Awards ceremony

8:00pm Dinner

9:45pm Musical entertainment

11:15pm Re-live the awards ceremony
on screens across the venue
as broadcast by RTE.

**WE ARE
DELIGHTED YOU
ARE WITH US FOR
THE 2019 EY
ENTREPRENEUR OF
THE YEAR™ GALA
AWARDS.**





WELCOME

Kevin McLoughlin

For the past 22 years, the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ (EOY) programme has had the incredible honour of working with the leading entrepreneurs across the island of Ireland.

Tonight, we come together to celebrate a group of extraordinary individuals and their inspiring journeys along the road less travelled. This year, the theme for the programme is “Be Brave, Be Bold”, and tonight we applaud our 24 Finalists who have championed bravery, backed boldness and made significant sacrifices to succeed in their fields.

Since 1998, we have seen over 525 inspirational individuals and industry leaders come through the programme and join the ever expanding EOY Alumni Community.



This prestigious network of previous winners and Finalists have built a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem, driving job creation and accelerating economic growth across our island. Currently 77% of our EOY Alumni do business with each other, which vividly highlights the genuine trust and business value that exists in the community.

With my fifth and final year as Partner Lead nearing an end, it is time to reflect on the extraordinary people I've met and the wonderful experiences this programme has afforded me over the years. It has been an absolute privilege to watch our entrepreneurs evolve and grow their businesses year on year. We at EY are extremely proud of this programme, and how dedicated it has been to championing and supporting entrepreneurship across the island for over two decades.

Please join us in celebrating the incredible stories behind each and every one of this year's Finalists as we announce the winner of the 2019 EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™.



Kevin McLoughlin
Partner Lead,
EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ Ireland

 Kevin McLoughlin



The EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ (EOY) programme passionately believes in promoting entrepreneurship across the island of Ireland and empowering entrepreneurs to grow their business in Ireland, Northern Ireland and around the world.

The EOY programme not only ensures national and international recognition for successful Finalists and Alumni, but also provides an invaluable network and business development opportunity within a growing, 525 strong EOY Alumni community.

Be Brave, Be Bold:

In our 22nd year of the programme in Ireland, the focus of the EOY Programme is to facilitate our Alumni and the 2019 Finalists in understanding the power of bravery in their business and personal lives, and to champion boldness as an integral part of an entrepreneur's identity in shaping the future.



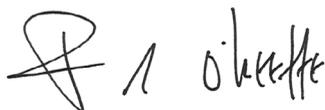
Frank O'Keeffe Managing Partner, EY Ireland

Welcome to the 22nd EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ awards gala, now one of the most special occasions in our island's business calendar. Tonight provides an opportunity for our 2019 finalists to reflect on and celebrate their achievements to date. With almost 1,500 of the island's leading business people gathered together tonight, this is a real opportunity for us all to look around the room, make connections and set new and inspiring goals for when we are gathered here again in 12 months' time.

Over the last 22 years, the alumni network has gone from strength to strength. It includes 525+ of Ireland's best and bravest entrepreneurs. Tonight provides an opportunity for this tightly knit group to

welcome our 2019 finalists into their community. I am proud to say that the 77% of this community have done business together since connecting in our EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ programme. Our alumni businesses have combined revenues of over €18 billion per annum and employ more than 160,000 people nationwide. They are a cornerstone on which the island's economy is built. While these numbers are impressive, the real value is in the lifelong friendships, their ventures together and the support the alumni provide to one another.

As Managing Partner of EY, I am extremely proud that our firm is at the forefront of recognising and supporting entrepreneurship across the island of Ireland. As we all continue to face significant geopolitical and economic shifts disrupting our business environments, the commitment of our island's entrepreneurs to boldly face into the wind has never been more important. I would like to wish all 24 Finalists the very best of luck tonight and into the future as they continue their growth here and in the global marketplace.



Frank O'Keefe
Managing Partner
EY Ireland

 Frank O'Keefe

ABOUT EY

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EY is committed to doing its part in building a better working world. The insights and quality services we deliver help build trust and confidence in the capital markets and in economies the world over.

We have people and operations in more than 150 countries, which are organized into four Areas - Americas, Asia-Pacific, EMEA and Japan - and further divided into Regions.

All of our people work in one of our service lines - Assurance, Advisory, Tax, Transaction Advisory Services (TAS) - or in Core Business Services (CBS) which provides internal operational support such as HR and EY Technology.

We develop outstanding leaders who team to deliver on our promises to all of our stakeholders. In so doing, we play a critical role in building a better working world for our people, for our clients and for our communities.

Our values define who we are. They influence the way we work with each other, our clients and regulators, and our communities, where we use professional skills to create positive change close to home and around the world.

SPECIAL AWARD

Each year, the Special Award is presented to an individual who has challenged the status quo in their respective fields and pushed the boundaries for the benefit of all. They are all true visionaries who have gone above and beyond to build a better working world for those around them.



Sean O'Sullivan
SOSV

Last year, Sean O'Sullivan of SOSV was honoured in recognition of his embodiment of life-changing innovation and outstanding service to global entrepreneurship. Previous honourees include Dr. Susan McKenna-Lawlor, Founder of Space Technology Ireland, in 2017 and Fr. Peter McVerry, Founder of The Peter McVerry Trust, who was awarded in 2015. Anna May McHugh of the Ploughing Championship was also honoured in 2011.

Tonight, we celebrate an individual who has contributed in a profound and meaningful way to the benefit of the entire island. We look forward to highlighting the incredible achievement of our 2019 Special Award winner this evening.

CEO RETREAT

One of the highlights of the EOY calendar is the annual CEO Retreat, which was held earlier this year in Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Macau.



The CEO Retreat is Ireland's largest unofficial trade mission and offers an exceptional calibre of executive education in the world's top universities, as well as unrivalled networking and business development opportunities for the cohort of Finalists and EOY Alumni that attend.

Year on year, the CEO Retreat has been the source of many new ideas, collaborations, and invaluable relationships for the island's most prestigious entrepreneurs.

The location for the 2020 CEO Retreat will be announced this evening and we invite all EOY Alumni to join us for another week of first-class executive education, corporate insights, and unparalleled networking.

**THE ENTREPRENEUR
OF THE YEAR PROCESS
ENCOURAGES YOU TO
LOOK AT YOUR VISION FOR
THE FUTURE, AS WELL
AS REALLY ASSESSING
THE THINGS THAT MAKE
YOU DIFFERENT IN YOUR
INDUSTRY.**

Peter Coppinger and Daniel Mackey, [Teamwork.com](https://www.teamwork.com)

EY WORLD ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™

The EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ is a global programme run by EY in over 145 cities across 60 countries worldwide.



A full list of the global Finalists can be found [here](#)

Every June, individual country winners gather in Monte Carlo for the EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year™ (WEOY) Awards. Over the four days, Ireland's 2018 winners, Peter Coppinger and Daniel Mackey of Teamwork.com, met the respected judging panel, the world's media and had access to an agenda of world-class talks and events. Brad Keywell, CEO of US-based Uptake Technologies, Inc, was named EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year 2019.

The winner of tonight's prestigious award will be given the amazing opportunity to represent Ireland and network with some of the world's most influential business leaders and entrepreneurs at the WEOY Awards in 2020.



2018 winners, Peter Coppinger and Daniel Mackey, Teamwork.com, with Frank O'Keefe, EY

JUDGING PANEL

With 24 inspiring Finalists in our 2019 EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ Programme, the job of choosing tonight's winners is harder than ever...

That challenging task has been given to our extremely distinguished judging panel, chaired by 2006 EY Entrepreneur Of The Year winner, Anne Heraty.

Our panel consists of 10 former category and overall winners, alongside representatives from two of our island's economic development agencies.

All our judges have been tremendously committed to the judging process over the past year, and their tireless efforts have ensured tonight's winners are truly deserving of the title of EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ 2019.

JUDGING PANEL

Anne Heraty

Chairperson

CPL Resources PLC
EOY Alumni - 2006



Brendan Mooney

Kainos
EOY Alumni - 2016

Denis O'Brien

Digicel Group
EOY Alumni - 1998



Edmond Harty

Dairymaster
EOY Alumni - 2012

Evelyn O'Toole

CLS
EOY Alumni - 2017



Harry Hughes

Portwest
EOY Alumni - 2017

Jerry Kennelly

Tweak
EOY Alumni - 2005



Joe Hogan

Openet
EOY Alumni - 2011

Mark Roden

Ding
EOY Alumni - 2004



Michael Carey

East Coast Bakehouse
EOY Alumni - 2005

Jenny Melia

Enterprise
Ireland



Jeremy Fitch

Invest
Northern Ireland

THE FRIENDSHIP AND THE SUPPORT FROM THE ALUMNI IN THE EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™ PROGRAMME HAS BEEN REALLY IMPORTANT. YOU CAN HAVE CONVERSATIONS THAT YOU CAN'T HAVE WITH YOUR SENIOR TEAM AND YOU CAN'T HAVE WITH YOUR BANKS.

John Purdy, Ergo



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Invest Northern Ireland is the regions business development agency. It helps new and existing businesses to create jobs, innovate and grow their exports, while attracting new investment to grow the local economy. Invest Northern Ireland has been part of the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ since day one and have provided an incredible amount of support throughout the years.

Many thanks Jeremy Fitch, Executive Director, Business Solutions Group at Invest Northern Ireland, for his continued involvement and support for the programme.

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Enterprise Ireland is the Irish government organisation responsible for the development and growth of Irish enterprises. Through partnerships, Enterprise Ireland helps Irish companies to start, grow, innovate and win export sales in global markets. Since the very beginning, Enterprise Ireland has been an amazing supporter of the programme and has made a huge contribution over the years.

Special thanks to Enterprise Ireland's Jennifer Melia, Manager of the High Potential Start Up Division for her involvement during the year.

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RTÉ is Ireland's national public service media, operating 25 radio, television, online and mobile services. RTÉ create and commission a broad range of high-quality programming and content to meet the needs of multiple audiences. RTÉ has had a lasting relationship with the programme and offered a lot of support over the years.



FINALISTS



EMERGING

Amarenco Solar
John Mullins

Brightflag
Alex Kelly & Ian Nolan

Rye River Brewing Company
Tom Cronin

mAdme Technologies
Triona Mullane

CameraMatics
Mervyn O'Callaghan &
Simon Murray

HouseMyDog
Timothy & James McElroy

Pestle & Mortar Limited
Sonia Deasy

Tröv
Mark Dowds

Motor Mania Limited
Donnacha Hurley

The Institute of Education
Una & Peter Kearns

McCulla (Ireland) Ltd
Ashley McCulla

Supermac's Holdings
Pat McDonagh

IMED Healthcare
Laurence O'Kane

DRT (NI) Ltd
Patrick Derry

Press Up Entertainment Group
Matt Ryan

Johnson & Perrott Motor Group
Mark Whitaker

mac-group
Paul McKenna

Scrapinghub
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Aalto Bio
Philip Noone

Devenish
Richard Kennedy

**GiftsDirect.com/
TheIrishStore.com**
Lulu O'Sullivan

Seaquest Systems
Brian Leslie

PB Machine Tech
Lily Holmes

Keywords Studios
Andrew Day



INDUSTRY



INTERNATIONAL

EMERGING

Emerging category nominees run businesses that have been trading for a minimum of two years. They are high-potential, dynamic, resourceful and the 'ones-to-watch' for the future.



John is the Executive Chairman of Amarenco Solar, a leading independent solar power producer headquartered in Co. Cork. The company focuses on renewable assets in Europe, the Caribbean, French territories and the Middle East.

 en.amarencogroup.com  [jpemul06](https://www.linkedin.com/company/jpemul06)

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Tom is one of the original Co-Founders and the current Managing Director of Rye River Brewing Company, one of Ireland's largest and most successful Independent Craft Breweries based out of Celbridge, Co. Kildare.

 ryeriverbrewingco.com  [rye-river-brewing](https://www.linkedin.com/company/rye-river-brewing)

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Mervyn and Simon are the Co-Founders of CameraMatics, a leading provider of fleet intelligence and risk management systems, which allows fleet operators to improve road safety, reduce collisions, manage risk and compliance as well as lowering operating costs.

 cameramatics.com  [cameramatics](https://www.linkedin.com/company/cameramatics)

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Sonia is Co-Founder and CEO of Pestle and Mortar, an Irish skincare company that is committed to providing simple solutions for beautiful skin. Sonia's innovative formulations are inspired by her sixth-generation Indian heritage in natural healing, combining natural extracts and high-performance technological actives.

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Alex Kelly & Ian Nolan
Brightflag



Alex and Ian are the respective COO and CEO of Brightflag, a spend management platform that uses A.I. technology to power matter management, automated invoice review, e-billing, and provide in-depth reporting for large corporate legal teams worldwide.

 brightflag.com

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Triona Mullane
mAdme Technologies



Triona is the Founder and CEO of mAdme Technologies, a company that offers a real-time Digital Engagement Channel enabling Mobile Operators to take control of customer engagement, deliver a rich Digital experience and build a lifetime relationship with their customers.

 mad-me.com

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Timothy & James McElroy
HouseMyDog



Timothy and James are Co-Founders of HouseMyDog, an online community that enables dog owners to find and book local, trusted dog sitters and walkers. Founded in Dublin, HouseMyDog has offices in London, Berlin and Madrid and operates in over 70 cities throughout Europe.

 housemydog.com

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Mark Dowds
Tröv



Mark is Co-Founder and CSO for Tröv, the world's first on-demand insurance platform, empowering consumers to protect precisely what they want, wherever they are, for whatever time they need. Trov has offices in several locations around the world including San Francisco, New York and London.

 trov.com

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 Antrim

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INDUSTRY

These entrepreneurs are significant employers on the island of Ireland and are mainly focused on the Irish and UK markets. They are market leaders in their sectors and have made a huge contribution to the economy.

Donnacha
Hurley

Motor Mania
Limited



Donnacha is Owner and Managing Director of Motor Mania Limited, which he has developed through its shareholdings in companies in the specialist sectors of Vehicle Conversions through Wilker & AJES. These companies hold a leading market position in Ireland & UK, primarily serving the emergency services.

 Offaly

 wilker-auto-
conversions

Ashley
McCulla

McCulla (Ireland)
Ltd



Ashley is Chairman of McCulla (Ireland) Ltd, a leading temperature-controlled storage and distribution company serving the UK, Ireland and Continental Europe. Celebrating 50 years this year, the company has diversified significantly during this time into a fully integrated cold chain business.

 mcculla.co.uk

 mcculla-transport

 Antrim

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Laurence
O'Kane

IMED Healthcare



Laurence is Managing Director of IMED Healthcare, an Irish pharmaceutical wholesaler specialising in supplying the Irish retail pharmacist with imported branded medicines, generics, test strips, needles and OTC products. Laurence is also Managing Director of 5 significant businesses that he has developed since 1986.

 imed.ie

 imed-healthcare-ltd-

 Derry

Matt
Ryan

Press Up
Entertainment
Group



Matt is the Co-Founder and Director of the PressUp Entertainment Group, one of Ireland's leading leisure and hospitality companies. Since the official launch in 2009, the company's portfolio has expanded with 42 businesses encompassing hotels, restaurants, bars and high-end cinemas now in operation.

 pressup.ie

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entertainment-group

 Dublin

Una and
Peter Kearns
**The Institute of
Education**



Una and Peter are Managing Directors for The Institute of Education, one of Ireland's best and most innovative schools and the single largest provider of students to 3rd level colleges and universities in the country.

 instituteofeducation.ie

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Pat
McDonagh
**Supermac's
Holdings**



Pat is Managing Director for Supermac's, Ireland's most successful indigenous quick service family restaurant group with over 116 restaurants throughout the country. The company employs over 4,000 people nationally and has helped to establish up to 60 self-employed franchisees in their own successful businesses.

 supermacs.ie

 [supermacs](https://www.linkedin.com/company/supermacs)

 Galway

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Patrick
Derry
DRT (NI) Ltd.



Patrick is Managing Director Derry Refrigerated Transport, one of the leading refrigerated distributors in Ireland. Based in Armagh, DRT meets the demands of leading retailers, wholesalers and food manufacturers throughout the island of Ireland.

 derrytransport.com

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Mark
Whitaker
**Johnson &
Perrott Motor
Group**



Mark is CEO of Johnson & Perrott Motor Group, a leading provider of Automotive Services in the Republic of Ireland. The Irish family-owned company offers a wide range of services across retail Motor Dealerships, Fleet Management and Commercial Vehicle Rental.

 jpmg.ie

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INTERNATIONAL

This category consists of entrepreneurs who are global players. Their companies operate in multiple markets across the globe and can be headquartered here in Ireland or overseas.

Paul
McKenna

mac-group



Founded in 2002, mac-group has always set out to construct, restore and repurpose buildings for their clients. As CEO, Paul has built his company from 1 employee to become one of the largest main contractors in Ireland.

 mac-group.com

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Philip
Noone

Aalto Bio



Philip is CEO of Aalto Bio, a leading global provider and supplier of critical raw materials to major diagnostic and pharma companies. Aalto Bio is one of Ireland's fastest growing indigenous biotech companies and plays a major role in the fight against diagnosing emerging diseases including Zika Virus and HIV.

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Lulu
O'Sullivan

GiftsDirect.com/
TheIrishStore.
com



Lulu is CEO of GiftsDirect.com, Ireland's largest online gift shopping destination, providing a hassle-free experience for delivering gifts around the world. TheIrishStore.com was later set up by Lulu to scale the business beyond Ireland and cater to the 80 million Irish diaspora and fans of Ireland around the world.

 giftsdirect.com

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Lily
Holmes

PB Machine Tech



Lily is Managing Director of PB Machine Tech, an independent company that produces hydraulic cylinders for global OEM's. The company was originally set up to supply components for cylinder makers and has since shown rapid growth to now being in the top 10 of cylinder manufacturers globally.

 pbmachinetech.ie

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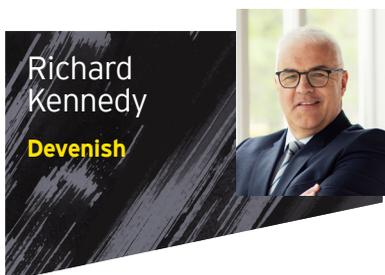
Shane Co-founded Scapinghub in 2010, a web data extraction company headquartered in Cork, which provides data for business intelligence such as product, pricing and competitive research, alternative financial data, sentiment analysis and news/content monitoring.

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Richard is the CEO of Devenish, an Irish agri-tech company, delivering sustainable and innovative nutritional products and solutions for the food and feed industries. Richard has helped transform Devenish into a research, development and innovation business trading in over 30 countries.

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Brian is the Company Director of Seaquest Systems, a leading-edge company in the design and manufacturing of fish pumps and hydraulic systems for fishing and offshore vessels. Brian is involved in product design, sales and future planning of the family-owned company.

 seaquest.ie

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Andrew is the CEO of Keywords Studios, an international technical and creative services provider to the global video games industry. Keywords Studios has 52 studio locations across 21 countries and employs over 6,000 people.

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ALUMNI



ALUMNI

**IT'S A FANTASTIC
FAMILY WE HAVE
BUILT, BUILT ON
TRUST, BUILT ON
RESPECT, AND BUILT
ON MIGHTY CRAIC
AS WELL.**

Johnny Walker, Jinga Life

EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™ ALUMNI

As part of their EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ (EOY) journey, our 24 Finalists have engaged in a strategic development programme and tonight's Gala Awards is the culmination of this journey as each of their incredible achievements are celebrated. However, our Finalist's EOY journey doesn't end tonight! The EOY programme offers a gateway into the island of Ireland's most prestigious and exclusive entrepreneurial community - the EOY Alumni Community.



Growing bigger each year, the EOY Alumni is a tightly-knit cohort of now 525 of our island's best entrepreneurs and business leaders. The Alumni are at the heart of all EOY activity and this community enables the top entrepreneurs on the island of Ireland to network and collaborate with each other, year after year. All Finalists are automatically inducted into this prodigious inner-circle, which offers Alumni a plethora of business development opportunities and an unrivalled support network.

Over the past year, our Finalists have been on an 8-month journey of acclaim, community and challenge. This journey began with the opening of the nomination window in January and concludes tonight at our Awards Gala. Our 2019 Finalists' journey may be ending this evening, but tonight also marks the beginning of their Alumni Journey.

THE EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™ YEAR

2 January
Nomination window opened



24 January
Female Forum



15 February
Nomination window closed

8 March
Spring Energiser Alumni Conference



2 April
EOY Alumni Quiz

16 April
Judges Short-listing

25 April
Meet The Finalists
Induction Ceremony

16 - 23 May
Hong Kong CEO Retreat



31 May
Architects of Business



June
Finalist digital series launches

5 - 9 June
EY World Entrepreneur Of
The Year Monaco



24 Sept
EOY Event Series: Brexit



6 December
Alumni Leinster Lunch

20 December TBC
Alumni Cork/Kerry Christmas Lunch

28 August
Social Entrepreneurs Ireland
sponsorship Announcement

29 August
EOY Alumni golf event

12 September
Meet The Judges: Finalists interviews



17 Oct
EOY Event Series: Sustainability

24 Oct
Alumni West Dinner

7 Nov
Alumni Northern Ireland Dinner

14 Nov
Final Judging

21 November
EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™
Gala Awards



16 January 2020
Nominations open

**OVER 77% OF
OUR EOY ALUMNI
COMMUNITY
HAVE CONDUCTED
BUSINESS WITH
ONE ANOTHER.**

525

Alumni and finalists

€18.7BN

Alumni combined revenue

179,000

total headcount

88%

Alumni plan to increase headcount next year

EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™ ALUMNI BOARD

The EOY Alumni Board is a voluntary, organised group of Irish entrepreneurs, who have all shared the experience of being chosen as Finalists in the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ programme.

The EOY Alumni Board advocate on behalf of the EOY Alumni Community and strive to make a meaningful and powerful contribution to their fellow EOY Alumni, their businesses and the wider Irish community.

As we celebrate the 22nd year of the programme on the island of Ireland, EY and the EOY Alumni Board encourage our Finalists to engage with this unique and vibrant community of past Finalists and winners into the future.

We invite each our EOY Alumni to join us at our numerous EOY Alumni events that are organised throughout the year.

EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™ ALUMNI BOARD

Peaches Kemp

Chairperson
Itsa (2011)



Morgan Browne

Vice-Chairperson
Milner Brown (2015)

Michael Dawson

One4all/Gift Voucher
Shop Ltd (2007)



Liam Griffin

Monart Destination Spa
(2010)

Tommy Griffith

PEL Recycling
(2009)



Aldagh McDonogh

Morgan McKinley
(2006)

Eleanor Chambers

NextGen Power
(2004, 2013)



Ronan O'Brien

Zatori Results
(2012)

John Purdy

Ergo Group
(2014)



Clodagh Cavanagh

Abbey Machinery
(2016)

Matthew Brown

Connect Telecom
(2012)



Colette Twomey

Clonakilty Blackpudding
(2010)

**I HAVE TO SAY THAT
THE EOY NETWORK IS
FANTASTIC. YOU LEARN AN
AWFUL LOT BOTH IN THE
PROGRAMME BUT ALSO
FROM THE OTHER PEOPLE,
AND YOU HAVE A NETWORK
OF PEOPLE YOU CAN PICK
UP THE PHONE TO.**

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