5TH DECEMBER 2017

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENING

INTERNATIONAL GUEST SPEAKER:
DAVID MEADE

WOODFORD DOLMEN HOTEL
KILKENNY ROAD, CARLOW
COST: €20 INCLUDING TASTE OF CARLOW DINNER

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Local Enterprise Office

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHEATHARLACH

IRELAND'S BEST YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR

European Union
European Regional Development Fund

Celebrating Excellence - Business Networking Evening has been designed to help you promote your business and develop your own business network while hearing from international experts and sharing in a celebration of achievement of excellence of Carlow Companies in the areas of LEAN, Management Development, and Youth Entrepreneurship.

THE SCHEDULE FOR THE EVENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

18.00	REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING
18.45	OPENING WORDS BY KATHLEEN HOLOHAN – CHIEF EXECUTIVE – CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
19.00	A TASTE OF CARLOW DINNER PRESENTED BY THE WOODFORD DOLMEN HOTEL
19.45	AFTER DINNER SPEAKER – DAVID MEADE
20.15	PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES FOR LEAN FOR MICRO / MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT
20.40	PRESENTATION OF €50,000 INVESTMENT FUND FOR IRELAND'S BEST YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR
21.00	CLOSE

GUEST SPEAKER: DAVID MEADE

David Meade is a trainer, facilitator, broadcaster, researcher, and international speaker. He's worked with organisations that include Apple, PwC, Harvard in Boston, the Cabinet Office in Westminster, Bombardier, and Bank of America, with whom he works on improving the way they work and perform through comprehensive management, leadership, and operational development programmes. David is a first class honours graduate from Ulster University's School of International Business. His work as a lecturer and award winning researcher in business and strategy with one of Irelands leading Universities has built his reputation as one of Europe's most sought after organisational facilitators.

David's personal interests have always focused on aspects of organisational psychology, consumer behaviour and choice, and by combining these professional and personal passions with his dynamic and engaging presentation style, David has become known for an innovative style that forces audiences to think critically about the challenges around them. Over 85% percent of his diary is spent working at the executive level on motivating and inspiring some of the largest and most diverse organisations to work more effectively. He cultivates decades of cutting edge research into management, organisations, and leadership to build scientifically sound and evidence based development programs that create demonstrable improvements in even the largest companies. David receives continued acclaim from clients that recognise the strong business value he offers organisations.

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LEAN FOR MICRO

The Local Enterprise Office Carlow recognises the importance of the development of management skills for people managing their own business or small enterprises. LEAN tools and techniques are helping companies across the globe to address competitiveness issues within their business, building the capability of their people to identify issues and improve. During 2017, County Carlow companies completed the Lean for Micro Programme which is designed to enable their companies to be more competitive.

MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT

The Local Enterprise Office Business Development Programme with Blaise Brosnan from MRI enables companies to engage on a journey of self analysis, commercial review, action development while also obtaining a qualification from the Institute of Technology Carlow.

IRELAND'S BEST YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR

Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur is a competition to search for Ireland's Best Under 35 year old who has an idea to start a business or who is currently in business and wants to develop something new. Each county has an investment fund of €50,000 for the 3 idea categories. The winners will go forward to the IBYE Regional Final which will be held in late January 2018.