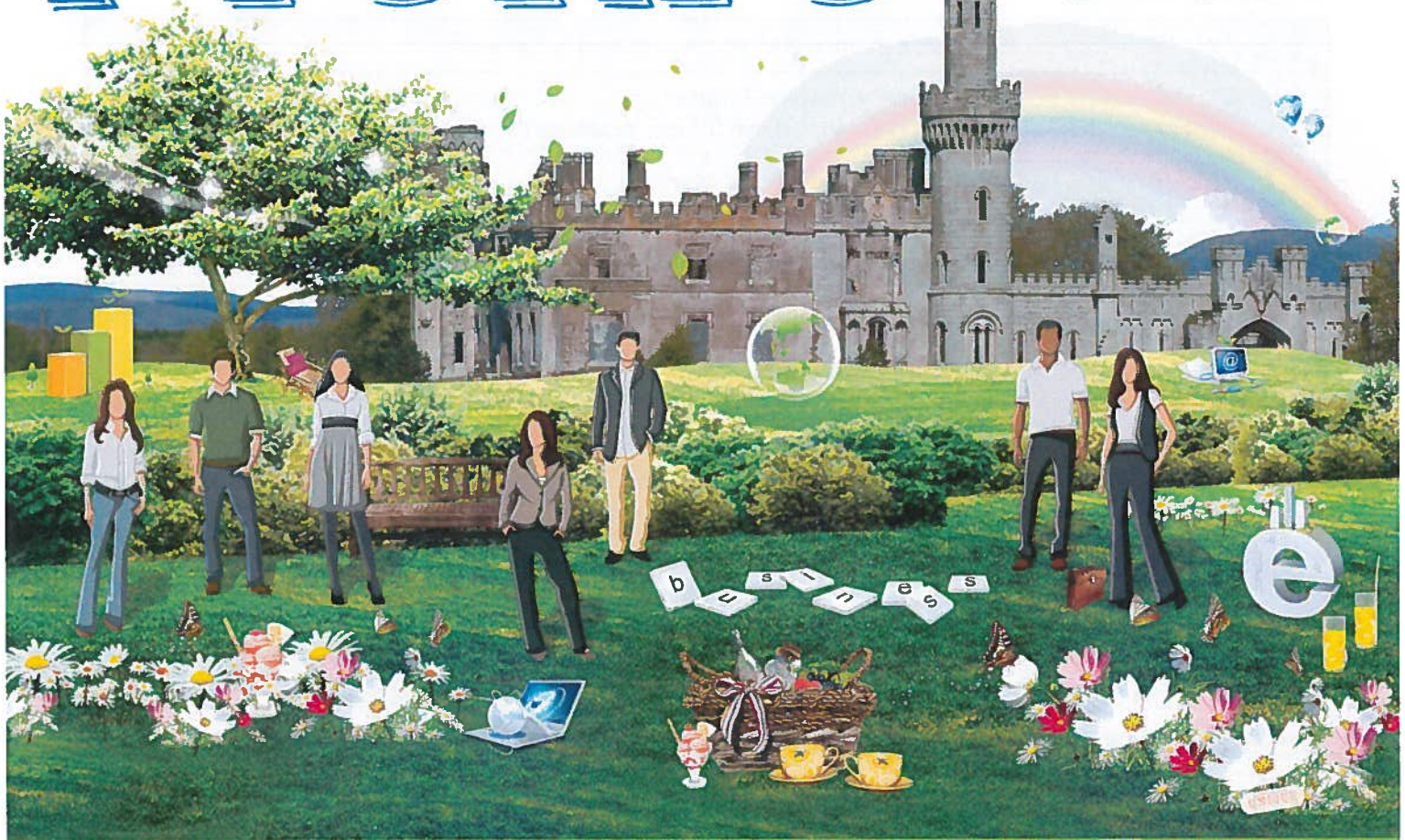


The Duckett's Grove

BUSINESS PICNIC

Your Summer
Networking Event
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WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY 6.45PM - 10PM
DUCKETT'S GROVE, CO. CARLOW

Your invited...

Summer 2014 sees the second "Business Picnic" come to Carlow in association with Local Enterprise Offices - Carlow and Wexford. The Business Picnic is a unique summer event which gives you the opportunity to connect and gain knowledge from one another in a semi-formal networking environment. The invite is open to all business people and their key staff.

The event will have two side events. The first will be a *Photo Booth* where you can get a professional photo taken for your business and the second will be our *Business Card Clinic* where one of our mentoring team

will advise you on what impression your business card makes. The event is free and there are only 250 tickets available.

**To reserve your place contact
e: enterprise@carlowcoco.ie or t: 059 913 0880**

This year the event is in association with Carlow Network of Enterprising Women, Write on Track, KLCK Blogger Network, VISUAL, Bank of Ireland, Fairgreen Shopping Centre, Sign Management Service, IT Carlow, Red Oak Tax Refunds, Department of Social Protection (Intreo and EURES), Carlow Chamber, Carlow Tourism and Carlow County Childcare Committee.

The format for the event is as follows:

6.45 P.M.	Registration, Side Events, Refreshments and Networking
7.30 P.M.	The Business Panel with Rick O'Shea The Panel: Lorna Sixsmith, John O'Connor, Ailish Delaney, Mag Kirwan
8.15 P.M.	Eric Lalor - Who's business is it anyway
8.45 P.M.	The Business Panel with Rick O'Shea and Eric Lalor The Panel: Miriam Lyold, Donna Spellacy, Ger Walsh, Noeleen Ryan

Your Presenters...



RICK O' SHEA, MEDIA PRESENTER

Rick has been a presenter on RTÉ 2fm since 2001 and presently hosts a lighthearted weekday afternoon listener participation driven talk and music show.

O'Shea was known amongst Ireland's blogging community and founder of his own blog. In April 2006, he hosted the inaugural Irish Blog Awards, and has regularly presented the annual Irish Web Awards and Irish Social Media Awards ceremonies.

In 2010, he announced his permanent retirement from blogging but does use Twitter. On 22 July 2012, Rick won the Irish celebrity version of the iconic tv quiz show Mastermind



ERIC LALOR, COMEDIAN

Eric Lalor's first foray into comedy was a bit unusual. In 2006, as one of the participants of RTE Two's Des Bishop's Joy In The Hood, his first ever gig was filmed on his home turf of Ballymun in Dublin and broadcast to the entire nation.

Des went to Ballymun in search of new comedic talent and discovered Eric. Des was so impressed with what he saw that he brought Eric on his record-breaking, nationwide 'Fitting In' tour. Opening the show at 'Live at the Marquee' in Cork, Eric performed to 5,000 people.

Since then, Eric has gone from strength to strength and has now garnered a reputation in Irish comedy as a consistent performer, making him one of the most sought after acts in the country.

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Who are these panel people ?

The panel is made up of a variety of business people maybe just like you who will discuss the up's, the down's of their business. The picnic might have some special guests on the night and don't forget to have a question ready....

Lorna Sixsmith – Write on Track and We Teach Social

Lorna Sixsmith is an author, blogger and social media trainer. Following the popularity of her Irish Farmerette blog and a successful crowdfunding campaign in July 2013, she self published her first book in December 2013. 'Would You Marry A Farmer?' is now available in all good bookshops. A second book will be released in 2015.

Lorna offers social media training and a copywriting service at Write on Track, provides online social media training at We Teach Social and is the co-founder of the KLCK Bloggers Network. She co-organises the Blog Awards Ireland event each year.

John O'Connor – Red Oak Tax Refunds

John O'Connor is Managing Director of Red Oak Tax Refunds. Red Oak Tax Refunds is a leading supplier of personal tax services, including Tax Refund services, to PAYE employees in Ireland.

We have achieved this through maintaining strong personal relations with our customers, while leveraging on our experience of handling thousands of cases each year.

Ailish Delaney – I.T. Carlow

Ailish works at the Institute of Technology Carlow as Enterprise Development Manager at the Institute's Enterprise and Research Incubation Centre (ERIC). Ailish works with start - up companies through a comprehensive combination of infrastructure, business support services and specialised resources.

Mag Kirwan – Goatsbridge Trout Farm

Goatsbridge Trout Farm was established in 1961 by Mags Kirwan and her husband Gerard Kirwan close to Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny. Goatsbridge Trout Farm is now a thriving family business where they take huge pride in producing farm fresh, premium quality Irish trout. Producing truly local products from start to finish; growing their own fish through their whole lifecycle from eggs to fully adult fish. Mags is passionate about the philosophy of 'farm to fork' so customers can enjoy a taste & freshness that is second to none. They select the best fish for customers, supply the best restaurants, wholesalers and personal callers with trout fresh from the farm.

Miriam Lloyd – Sewing Concepts studio

Miriam is a creative dressmaker with over thirty years experience. She owns Sewing Concepts studio in Ballon, Co Carlow where she provides a full dressmaking and alteration service. She specialises in transforming Wedding dresses into heirloom Christening gowns. Miriam also runs sewing classes/workshops in her studio for those who want to learn how to make their own clothes.

Donna Spellacy – Done Deal

Donna Spellacy is Community Manager with Done Deal.ie. Wexford-based DoneDeal.ie is Ireland's biggest and fastest-growing classifieds website. From a standing start in 2005, the website has experienced an average of 10 – 15% growth in visitor traffic and ad placements per month. DoneDeal.ie is now the number one place to buy and sell things in Ireland.

Ger Walsh – Sign Management Service

Ger Walsh is Owner Manager of Sign Management Service, an award winning Carlow business specialising in managing large format signage, banners and billboards. With the belief that signage is an investment and not a cost, Ger and her team create and deliver strategies on how their clients can maximise the return from outdoor signage.

Noeleen Ryan – The Sweet Shop

Noeleen Ryan is a retailer based in Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow which provides sweets and party items for a variety of events and functions.



About Duckett's Grove...



Duckett's Grove, the 18th, 19th and early 20th century home of the Duckett family, was formerly at the centre of a 20,000 acre (8,093 hectares) estate that has dominated the Carlow landscape for over 300 years. Even in ruin, the surviving towers and turrets of Duckett's Grove form a romantic profile making it one of the most photogenic historic buildings in the country.

The revival of two old walled gardens has been completed by Carlow County Council, the old paths revealed and the beds and borders reinstated. Stylistically the new planting schemes echo the past yet reflect changing fashions, utilising plants and planting patterns that may have evolved over time.

This part Cobden designed building is structurally intact and accessible to the public. Its' precincts have been the subject of at least two international film sets and the site is a continuous mecca for paranormal groups.

Duckett's Grove Design - Craft and Gift Emporium located in the courtyard of the Duckett's Grove Estate contains a vibrant mix of high end art, craft and giftware products in the delicately appointed central retail exhibition space.

