

Hi from us!

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter. So much happens every month it would be easy to miss some great developments so we thought it would be an idea to pull together the top stories in one place. We would love to hear from you too so if you have any interesting news or tips do send them through. Do forgive us if we have missed a milestone in your business.

In the News & Media

- [Dublin Food Chain member Hilary Quinn – Dublin Doughnut Company is praised for her innovative and delicious donuts.](#)
- [How to survive working in a start-up: Great tips and advice featuring Dublin Food Chain members Catherine Buggy \(Boutique Bake\) and Isolde Johnson \(Cool Beans\).](#)
- [Interesting interview with The Dublin Cookie Company on Today FM](#)
- [Poulet Bonne Femme: Article in The Irish Times about their fantastic carving course, perfect for Christmas!](#)
- [Leaves speak to George Hook on Newstalk](#)

Winning Awards

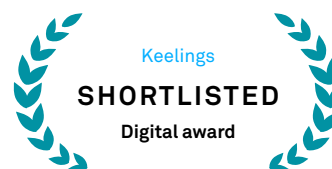
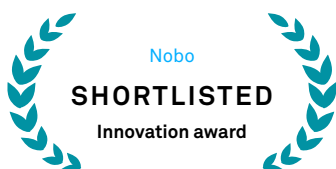
We would like you to join us in congratulating all of the DFC members who have either won awards or who have been shortlisted for various awards recently:



Image Magazine – Business Women of the Year 2015



Bord Bia Food and Drink Awards 2015



Ballymaguire | Blaste and Wilde | Cool Beans | Cornude Artisan Popcorn | Couverture Desserts | Dundrum Village Cheese | Dunns of Dublin | Goodness Grains | M&M Product | Niks Tea | Patisserie Royal | Simon's Fish products | Sushi King | The Traditional Cheese Co

Food Events

Upcoming Dublin Food Chain events

Thursday, 26th November,
12pm – 3.00pm

[Dublin Food Chain, DIT and LEO Dublin City: The Business of Food Turning Invoices Into Ideas](#)

Dublin Food Chains biggest ever event is taking place in Gleeson Hall, DIT Kevin Street, Dublin 8. The theme is innovation featuring talks and panel discussions with top entrepreneurs and industry experts.

Upcoming events

19th Nov-22nd Nov in the RDS

[Bite 2015](#)

A brand new food festival is coming to Dublin. This event will feature 150 of Ireland's best Artisan Food and Drink producers and a whole host of interactive food activities.

16th – 17th February

[Food and Bev Live 2016](#)

The event will take place in Citywest. Organised on behalf of IFSA (the Irish Foodservice Suppliers Alliance).

19th November

[Bord Bia Market Study Visit Paris](#)

The itinerary for the day includes stores visits to Carrefour – France's leading retailer, Leader Price – France's 'soft discounter' of over 670 stores, along with Intermarche, Super U and Auchan Val d'Europe which are all among the leading supermarkets and retailers in the French market

27th November

[Sales Skills Workshop with LEO South Dublin](#)

This 1-day highly intensive and interactive workshop aims to provide participants with the necessary skills to enhance their personal selling skills and increase the rate of success during the sales process.

Recent Events

[Food Mentor Academy – Fingal Enterprise Week 2015](#)

The largest ever food mentoring session took place on Wednesday the 7th of October in the Crowne Plaza Hotel Dublin Airport

[Bank of Ireland "Food Talks Event"](#)

Some Dublin Food Chain members set up and sold their products on College Green, Friday the 9th of October, as part of The Bank of Ireland Start-up Revolution

Interesting reads

[12 Global Food and Beverage Trends for 2016](#)

[Consumers and their food – emerging trends across 8 countries](#)

[The new and improved producer support section of the DFC](#)

[Lovin Dublin talks about a new energy drink with "smart-drugs" for brain and focus boosting](#)

Meet the Member



Maria Lucia Bakes

This month's meet the member is Maria Betts, owner of Maria Lucia Bakes who recently celebrated 2 years in business! Maria Lucia Bakes produces an award winning range of granola cereals which are gluten, wheat and dairy free, suitable for vegetarians and coeliacs. The range includes cashew almond and cinnamon flavour, cranberry coconut and chia seed and apricot walnut with a hint of treacle.

[Website](#) [Facebook](#)

Funny Foodie

We thought Gin and Tonic flavoured crisps were strange, well have a look at these [unusual flavours](#) from around the world



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