

Irish Technology Leadership Group announces Diaspora 2016 Initiative

Technology leaders to join voluntary Government advisory board

DUBLIN, Ireland. – Oct. 14, 2011 - The Irish Technology Leadership Group (ITLG) today announced that an additional ten senior global leaders have signed up to its Diaspora 2016 initiative that it originally announced at the Global Irish Economic Forum in Dublin on October 8, 2011. The initiative aims to create a pool of global industry leaders who will volunteer to serve without remuneration on relevant Irish State boards until 2016. The objective of the Diaspora 2016 initiative is to make available to the Government a list of 100 highly qualified business leaders from across the globe, that want to contribute their experience and time to help Ireland succeed and thrive.

"We have received an overwhelming response to the initiative from diaspora across the U.S., Europe, China and Japan," said John Hartnett, President & Founder, ITLG. "This is testament to the desire amongst the Irish abroad to support Ireland. The talking was done last weekend but we need action now, we are committed to building this advisory group", he added.

"The combined experience of the leaders that have joined to date could contribute huge expertise in areas like the commercialisation of research activities at third level institutions for example. We have had a positive response from the public representatives and agencies we have engaged with on this initiative to date."

The list of executives willing to volunteer their time will continue to be made available as it evolves. Today, the additional leaders who have pledged their commitment are:

- Conor Allen, Global head of Technology NYSE Euronext, New York
- Dennis Donohue, Mayor of Salinas, California
- Harry Sweeney, Founder Paca Paca Farm, Japan
- John Daly, The Goldman Sachs Group, New York
- John Ryan, Founder of Macrovision, now Rovi
- Kieran Hannon, Vice President UBM Canon, Los Angeles, California
- Liam Casey, Founder and CEO PCH International, China
- Martin Kelly, Vice President of Worldwide Information technology, Citrix Technology International
- Paul Rellis, Managing Director Microsoft, Ireland
- Una Fox, Vice President of Technology, The Walt Disney Company, Los Angeles, California

They join John Hartnett, President and Founder, ITLG; Tom McEnery, former Mayor of San Jose, California; Rory McLnerney, Vice President, Intel and Barry O'Sullivan Senior Vice President, Cisco.

Established in October 2007, the ITLG is an independent organization comprised of high-level technology leaders in Silicon Valley who are Irish or Irish-American. The Group includes senior executives from some of the Valley's leading corporations, each of whom are committed to promoting the technology connection between Ireland and Silicon Valley.

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