



Entrants invited for entrepreneur awards

Donegal entrepreneurs from Business, the Arts or Social/Community are invited to enter the 2008 David Manley Emerging Entrepreneur Awards. Supporting entrepreneurs from the county and nationally is absolutely crucial in today's economic climate, according to Alfie Kane, former chief executive of eircom and chairman of the panel of judges.

Helping emerging businesses is not just a nice thing to do - at this stage in Ireland's economic development, actively supporting more start ups is now a survival issue, according to businessman, Alfie Kane, "and it starts on a county and micro level with each county ensuring it supports its emerging entrepreneurs." Mr. Kane was speaking at the launch of the 2008 David Manley Emerging Entrepreneur Awards last week. Mr. Kane is Chairman of the Panel of Judges for the Award and is Chief Executive of Baker Capital Corporation, New York. The aim of the David Manley Emerging

Entrepreneur Awards is to nurture Ireland's entrepreneurial spirit.

The winner of the 2008 David Manley Emerging Entrepreneur Award will receive 'the gift of time' in mentoring and consultancy worth over €80,000 from a selection of top Irish companies as their prize as well as a cash prize of €10,000. The Awards will be presented in November. Further details and a copy of the entry form can be obtained on www.davidmanleyawards.ie

Stuart McLaughlin, Chief Executive, Business to Arts, commented, "The David Manley Awards stand alone in recognising that the development of our entrepreneurs is essential in ensuring growth of the cultural, social and economic fabric of our country. Experience shows us that there are many organizations in the arts which thrive as a result of their entrepreneurial spirit and, as such, Business to Arts is proud to support this programme into its sixth year."