



Opportunity for 'social entrepreneur' to win mentoring worth €80,000 and €10,000 cash

The organisers of the David Manley Award are keen to hear about people in the local community who have an idea or who began a project that improves the lives of people within their own community - but which, with some professional advice and cash, could be expanded to communities nationwide.

The winner of the 2006 David Manley Award will receive 'the gift of time' worth over €80,000 from a selection of top Irish companies as their prize, according to David Pierce, Chairman, Friends of David Manley Committee. He or she will also win a cash prize of €10,000.

The David Manley Award is in its fourth year and, until now, has focused on rewarding enterprise in commerce. "However, this year, the Award will feature two additional dimensions - one recognising Social or Community-focused Entrepreneurs and one recognising Artistic Entrepreneurs,"

Mr. Pierce said.

Entrants for the Award will be judged primarily on Innovation, Impact, Sustainability and Execution, according to David Pierce.

Social Entrepreneurs interested in entering the Awards should do so via Social Entrepreneurs Ireland, 4th Floor, National College of Ireland, Mayor Street, Dublin 1, tel. 01 808 8300 or email seancoughlan@socialentrepreneurs.ie.

The closing date for entries is Friday 8th September 2006 and the David Manley Award will be presented in November 2006.

The David Manley Award was established by a group of David Manley's friends in the Dublin Chamber of Commerce to honour his contribution to, encouragement and mentoring of SMEs during his short life time. David had been President of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce in 2000.