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WEXFORD FESTIVAL OPERA GOES 'GREEN'



Seven New EcoCerts Awarded. Nine More to Follow.

As part of a concerted effort to 'green' the Wexford Festival Opera, 15 Wexford businesses were given environmental certificates at an Awards ceremony at Wexford Opera House on Tuesday 5th October 2010.

This was the culmination of a unique project funded by the Environmental Protection Agency; project managed by the Wexford Festival Opera; and promoting the *Green Hospitality Award (GHA)* and *EcoCert* environmental certifications.

The project's aim was to recruit 16 hospitality businesses for GHA certification and 10 non-hospitality businesses for EcoCert. In fact, both targets were comfortably exceeded, with a total of 40 participating businesses.

Seven EcoCerts were awarded on the night to;

- Asple & Co
- Charles Pierce Menswear
- Danone Infant Nutrition
- Liam Ryan Engineering
- Martins Jewellers
- Paragon Power Tools
- RDA Accountants

A further nine EcoCerts are in progress and should be issued before the end of the year.

The EPA and Wexford Opera House were both delighted with the project results, and the Green Festival Opera looks set to become an annual event on the Wexford business calendar.



Project launch. L to R: Maurice Bergin (GHA), Phil Walker (EcoCert), Aine Whelan (Wexford Opera), James Hogan (GHA) & Eamonn Carroll (Wexford Opera)

Waterford County Join EcoCert

Waterford County Council are now the fourth local authority to become an EcoCert partner.

Environmental Awareness Officer Anne Sullivan is warmly welcomed as the EcoCert steering group's newest member.



Extra Savings for EcoCert Businesses

Econcertive is pleased to announce a new alliance with specialist lighting supplier Energy Sense Ireland (ESI).

EcoCert companies now enjoy an automatic 10% discount on ESI energy-efficient lighting. See over for more details.



YOU KNOW IT MAKES ENERGY SENSE

(from front page)

Many EcoCert members will already know Energy Sense Ireland as a regularly referenced source of quality cost-effective and energy-efficient lighting.



In a new initiative to add extra value to your EcoCert membership, we approached ESI to explore opportunities to collaborate. The result is an alliance in which;

- ✓ All EcoCert members get an automatic 10% discount on the full range of ESI lighting products.
- ✓ The same discount is available to the EcoCert partner organisations - the EPA and the four local authorities.
- ✓ On 'Save It Easy' T5 retrofit units, public bodies also qualify for a special financing scheme by which the bulk of the capital cost of these units are paid over time out of the savings they achieve.
- ✓ This 'Save It Easy' financing scheme is also available to EcoCert charitable organisations which are publically funded.

ESI provide their lighting solutions on a supply-only or a supply-and-fit basis. Contact them direct, letting them know you are an EcoCert member.

Energy Sense Ireland

Web: www.energysense.ie

Email: info@energysense.ie

Tel 021 436 8581

Some of ESI's most popular products (L to R);



- The 'Save It Easy' T5 retrofits for conventional fluorescent fittings;
- The Pharox LED bulb, bayonet and screwfit versions (dimmable and non-dimmable) available;
- LED bulbs for GU10 and MR16 fittings.



WATER TIPS UPDATE

Further to the water-saving feature in the previous newsletter, the following information might prove useful.

Tap Aerators & Flow Restrictors

The last newsletter gave internet sources for these devices, priced at around €5 per unit. A much cheaper option is Frank Fahy's in Wexford who sell them at around €2 each, and will mail order.

Frank L. Fahy Limited
Wexford, Ireland
Tel: 053 914 2858

Email: info@frankfahy.com

Web: www.fahys.ie



Toilet Cistern Retrofits

Watersave Ireland are now marketing a replacement siphon at around €42, which converts your conventional cistern to a dual flush cistern. They still market the cheaper retrofit 'Interflush' device at around €25, which acts as an 'air break' on a conventional siphon. See www.watersave.ie

If anyone has experience of using either of these devices, I would be interested to get your opinion.

Waterford 'Pride of Place' for Revolution Bar & Niteclub

EcoCert holders 'Revolution' received an award at Waterford City's 'Pride of Place' event at City Hall on Tuesday 2nd November 2010.

The award recognises the impressive environmental improvements which were designed into the venue's recent major refurbishment and extension.



Congratulations to Jim 'Flash' Gordon and his team at Revolution

FUTURE EDITIONS

Your feedback would be very welcome. You may wish to contribute to future issues - tips you might share with fellow members; a review of your EcoCert experiences; thoughts on future subject areas; or maybe a short profile of your company, particularly if your products or services might interest other members.

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