



**Dungarvan &
West Waterford
CHAMBER**
IN BUSINESS FOR BUSINESS

Why Join The Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber?

What Does the Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber Do?

The Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber is here to create, support, maintain and promote a positive environment for business in West Waterford. By encouraging a strong, unified business community, we help create a stable local economy that provides a high quality of life for those who live and work here. As the prime representative forum for business in the area we actively campaign for and contribute to the development of Dungarvan and West Waterford as a preferred destination to work, live, play and stay.

The Chamber provides a variety of services to Retail, Industrial, Service, and Professional businesses all over West Waterford. The Chamber represents members and their interests at local, regional and national levels.

- We listen to businesses to assess their needs and concerns.
- We plan training, information sessions, showcasing and networking events based on feedback.
- We lobby contentious issues on behalf of businesses.
- We keep money in our local economy:
 - By selling Chamber vouchers
 - By encouraging people to shop local
 - By encouraging people to do business with members
- We promote local events and festivals.
- We promote business and commercial activities.
- We promote Dungarvan & West Waterford as a destination.
- We liaise with various bodies including government, public bodies, semi state and private businesses involved in public interest projects.
- We compile information relevant to businesses and deliver it to our members in a concise fashion.
- We operate a 'Business Watch' text alert system to support retailers.

What's in it for me and my business?

Networking

Being part of Dungarvan and West Waterford's biggest business network provides members with easy access to other members and their networks. Networking is essential to maintain client relationships, and build new ones. The Chamber hosts a number of events each year that include business showcasing events, information seminars, sports events, training courses,

social events, and awards ceremonies, all of which are designed to encourage and promote active networking.

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We introduce you to your target audience. If there are members who you would like to meet we will do the introductions. And when enquiries for a business or service come through the office you will be referred to if you are a member.

Profile

There are many PR opportunities within the Chamber's calendar of events. As a member you will be listed on the Chamber website & Business Directory, monthly member company profiles are sent to other members and by attending the many events held your photo may be featured on the local or regional news papers along with our Chamber Facebook pages.

Informed

The continual flow of information from the Chamber will keep you updated on all local, regional and national issues, and we will keep you abreast of opportunities that could bring you new business and you will find out what other members are doing to achieve success.

Where Does The Chamber Get its Funding?

The Chamber is primarily funded by membership subscriptions. We also generate income from event management fees, and the administration services on offer to local business.

The Chamber is not funded by any government departments or County or Town Councils. The Chamber is affiliated to *Chambers Ireland* and pays *Chambers Ireland* for this privilege.

The Chamber relies on sponsorship for our offices from Clancy Construction at the Dungarvan Shopping Centre to whom we very grateful.

What Opportunities are there for my business?

Vouchers – Chamber Shopping Voucher can only be used within Chamber Member businesses. This kept over €400,000 in Dungarvan & West Waterford in 2016.

Business Watch - A text alert system whereby within minutes, your business is updated of any crime, antisocial behaviour, scams, forged notes experienced by businesses in the locality and region.

Lobbying – The *Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber* is the voice for your business, lobbying on local, regional and national issues in the interest of you and your business (e.g. Commercial Rates, Parking, Christmas Lights).

Business Referrals – The *Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber* encourages members to do business with fellow members.

Business Directory - Members receive free listing on the Chamber's Business Directory www.dungarvanchamber.ie

Business Partnering – This is a free advertising initiative where chamber members are partnered and advertise in each others business for free.

Free Recruitment Adverts – The *Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber* will advertise your recruitment advert for free on the Chambers' website.

Secretarial Services – The Chamber offers secretarial and administrative support at great rates for members. Need an office address? Use ours, again, a great rate is offered to members for this service.

Event Management - Would you like to have an event for your business, but don't want the hassle of organizing it? Then let the Chamber Team guarantee a professional service which includes promotion, organisation as well as tidy up afterwards!

Business Afterhours Host - The opportunity to co-host an event on your premises to showcase what you offer.

The *Chamber* creates a better place to do business. It is the largest representative group for businesses, and it provides services for a broad spectrum of business sectors.

Why Should I Join The Chamber?

Join the Chamber to be included, informed, invited and represented!

- **Included** – Be included in a dynamic business support group
- **Informed** – It's important to have relevant information relating to your business as it happens. We provide this for you.
- **Invited** – The *Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber* runs many events of all kinds throughout the year you may like to attend to raise your profile, enjoy and network. Be on our invitation list!
- **Represented** - Issues will affect your business. The *Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber* will represent your issues locally, regionally and nationally. Together we are stronger!

Who Can Join?

Any business can join. There is no limit of numbers of staff, size of business, type of business. There are no criteria about where you work from; it could be your home/ in an office/ industrial unit/ car etc. In 2016, 50 new members joined the *Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber*.

Who Else is in The Chamber?

The *Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber* membership boasts a wide geographic and sectoral interest. Businesses from Dungarvan, Cappoquin, Lismore, Ardmore and in-between are benefiting from membership. Those in services, retail, industrial and professions are involved in the Chamber as the reasons to join for each sector is compelling. For a full listing of members see our Member Directory on the Chamber website.

How Do I Join?

Simply contact the Chamber office for an application form (Tel 058 45054) or download a form from our website at www.dungarvanchamber.ie or find out more about our activities and events on our Facebook page.

Annual Membership Subscription	
1 – 5 Employees	€245
6 – 20 Employees	€330
21 – 50 Employees	€460
51 – 100 Employees	€750
100+ Employees	€990
New Business Rate (trading less than 6 months)	€125
No Business Interest (non-profit)	€95

For further details about the *Dungarvan & West Waterford Chamber* please contact the office on 058 45054 or email jenny@dungarvanchamber.ie