



Gavin Dowdall, sales and logistics business development representative for East Leinster, and Dan Smithwick co-founder and COO, Sullivan's Brewing Company



David Carron, sales consultant, PureVent; Adrian Cummins, chief executive, RAI and Jacqui Simpson, national sales manager, RAI



Laura McCarthy, owner, Drink Botanicals Ireland

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Alan Gallagher, director of event operations, the Convention Centre Dublin; Conal O'Neill, group general manager, Dalata Group; and Maurice Bergin, founder and managing director, Green Hospitality Programme



Philip Murphy, general manager, IOResource, and Damien English TD, Minister of State for Business, Employment and Retail



Caroline Horgan, creative director, Scatterbox

# Hospitality Expo proudly serving Ireland's hospitality industry for over 40 years

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Hospitality Expo 2022 took place at the Main Hall, RDS, Dublin on Tuesday October 11 and Wednesday October 12. Over 2,500 industry professionals came together to meet with more than 70 exhibiting companies and attend over 20 conference sessions.

The Expo, sponsored by Sullivan's Brewing Company and supported by Restaurants Association of Ireland (RAI), Vintners' Federation of Ireland (VFI), the Licensed Vintners Association (LVA), Food and Wine Magazine and the Business Post, addressed the

themes of 'Innovation, Inspiration and Connection'.

Damien English, Minister of State for Minister of State for Business, Employment and Retail, visited the Expo on Wednesday morning and spoke to sponsors and exhibitors including Smart Serve Ireland, Sullivan's Brewing Company, IOResource, Reward Catering, Caffè Vergnano & Apex Fire.

He said: "I was delighted to attend Hospitality Expo 2022 in the RDS and meet with a strong cohort of businesses from across the country

which are working to deliver new and inspirational products and services to help make the experience of Irish hospitality the very best for local and international tourists.

"Events like the Hospitality Expo are important to help businesses to connect with one another, to learn from each other and to compete for new business opportunities to grow their operations and create more sustainable job opportunities."

On day one, visitors heard from Paddy Lynn, chief executive, WeHaveChefs, who spoke about recruiting chefs into Irish hospitality. A panel discussion, featuring Maurice Bergin, founder and managing director, Green Hospitality Programme; Alan Gallagher, director of event operations, the Convention Centre, Dublin; Conal O'Neill, group general manager, Dalata Group, discussed their approach to ESG and energy management. They argued that a sustainability strategy should form part of a

company's overall vision otherwise it will always remain an "add on".

On day two, Jordan Mooney, assistant editor, Food and Wine Magazine, led a discussion on Excellence in Hospitality with Vaughan Yates, founder and co-owner, the Virgin Mary Collective; Adrian Cummins, chief executive, Restaurants Association of Ireland; Paul Moynihan, president, Vintners' Federation of Ireland.

They discussed best practices for customer service and staff engagement, as well as the role of coaching and mentoring needed for the future.

Hospitality Expo caters to Ireland's food, drinks and hospitality businesses with a focused B2B experience, connecting suppliers and producers with buyers and decision makers across the island.

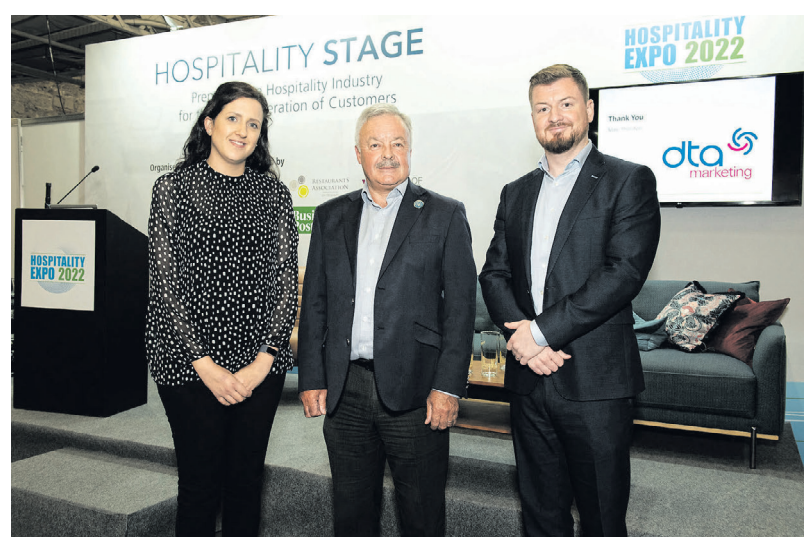
It has been proudly serving Ireland's hospitality industry for over 40 years. Hospitality Expo 2024 takes place on February 6 and 7, Main Hall Complex, RDS, Dublin.



Sullivan's Brewing Company, the headline sponsor of Hospitality Expo 2022



Paddy Lynn, chief executive, WeHaveChefs



Sarah Dolly, acting head of tourism careers, Fáilte Ireland; Marc Thornton, DTA Marketing; and Ross O'Neill, change management consultant, Workbly



Damien English, Minister of State for Business, Employment and Retail, and John Donnelly, sales manager, Smart Serve



From left: Kassia Higgins, coffee expert, Caffè Vergnano/CCHBC; Anna Crozier, marketing manager, Caffè Vergnano/CCHBC; Damien English, Minister of State for Business, Employment and Retail; and Niall Kid, coffee development manager, Caffè Vergnano/CCHBC



From left: Vaughan Yates, founder and co-owner, the Virgin Mary Collective; Jordan Mooney, assistant editor, Food and Wine Magazine; Adrian Cummins, chief executive, Restaurants Association of Ireland and Treasurer of HOTREC; and Paul Moynihan, president, Vintners' Federation of Ireland

