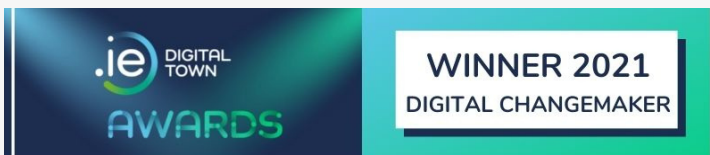


NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LUDGATE! LUDGATE'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2021

Welcome to the Summer Newsletter of 2021

Hello everyone and welcome to our Summer newsletter of 2021. We are very excited to share with you some of our updates from the last few months and of course our plans for the remainder of 2021.



LUDGATE IN THE NEWS

Ludgate announced as Digital Changemaker in the #DigitalTownAwards2021

In June Ludgate was delighted to announced that we were named as the winners of the Digital Changemaker category in 2021 Digital Town Awards. The Awards promote awareness, knowledge, use and understanding of digital in Ireland by its citizens, businesses and communities. They also highlight the benefits and possibilities of digital and celebrate the digital achievements of local towns, big and small. Grainne O'Keeffe, CEO of the Ludgate Hub, accepted the award during the virtual event. Grainne says " I am delighted to accept this award on behalf of the Ludgate Board and team. In July this year we will celebrate 5 years and to receive acknowledgements like the Digital Town Awards Changemaker award for 2021 is a great honour. What we have achieved to date is no small feat, it's been years of hard work by our team and of course our Board of Directors. We are delighted to now be in a position to guide others through this journey as they embark on their own digital transformation themselves.



COVID UPDATE

We continue to monitor the HSE and government guidelines in relation to Covid, here at the Hub. However with the easing of some restrictions and the vaccine roll out, we are delighted to see some of our members returning to the Hub on a hybrid model. We have also recently welcomed new members to the Ludgate community. If anyone has questions on membership here at Ludgate please don't hesitate to contact us on info@ludgate.ie



SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS

We would like to congratulate Ludgate member Colin Hickey, whose film *The Evening Redness in the South* has been the recipient of numerous international awards from Florence to Hollywood. An entirely dialogue-free dramatic feature film, a visual tone poem following several workers on a building site as their daily work and family lives become infused with their deepest memories, dreams, anxieties and desires. The film is available to download and purchase in Vimeo on Demand [here](#). Lets all support Colin's artistic achievements.

SUMMER BOOKINGS

As we prepare for the peak season here in the Ludgate Hub, anyone who wishes to use our facilities will have to pre book before coming into Ludgate. We are seeing up take on weekly passes for July and August so if you will be in West Cork during the summer pre booking is essential. This is also our first summer season with private office space available at Ludgate@Fields please book [here](#).



NEW FACILITIES PHONE BOOTH

To help accommodate people at the Hub we are delighted to say that we have received a new telephone booth, that can be booked for those quick calls that you may not want to take in a shared office space.

EDUCATION UPDATE



Our Education programme manager Kieran Collins is delighted to announce the launch of our Ludgate Education Summer Camp. Ludgate Education, in partnership with ESB and Spearline will be hosting a series of STEAM summer camps. The Ludgate Education BuildIT camp is for the children who can't stop tinkering with technology, the ones who love learning about nature and how the world works, the kids who love to create, design and build, the children who are mad for science experiments and those who love building with LEGO! These are the boys and girls who have the potential to be great scientists, engineers, programmers and designers!

Two separate camps will run for 8 -14 year olds Dates available are

12th -16th July

19th - 20th August.

Limited space available so book now to avoid disappointment



Events

Our Events Manager Fiona Ryan takes a look back at our busy virtual events schedule. Fiona says "Ludgate has been incredibly fortunate to be able to bring to fruition six virtual events across six different areas, all of which are of incredible importance to our local community and for which we have attracted a national and international audience base.

We are very thankful for the talented speakers who have contributed to helping Ludgate deliver on our virtual event series. We have covered a range of topics from Agritech, Irish Women in Food, The Future of Education and Opportunities in a Climate Neutral Environment with speakers such as Lord David Putnam, Prof Maggie Cusack President of MTU, Prof John O'Halloran, President UCC, Phil Hogan former EU Commissioner, Minister Pippa Hackett, Anne O'Leary CEO Vodafone , Dee Forbes RTE Director General , Dr. Cathal Wilson COO Nexalus, Dr. Paul Dean, MaREI and Damian Long founder and CEO of TravelMaster.

AIB and KPMG have partnered with us on a number of these events. Ludgate was selected by GMIT to host two of their events with the most recent one concerning the support and development of female food entrepreneurs, an area for which Ludgate is passionate about. All of our events have been recorded and you can view them on our website, www.Ludgate.ie. If you require professional virtual event management and hosting then please contact the Ludgate team at info@ludgate.ie. Stay tuned for more exciting events to come in Q4"

PODCAST SERIES 2



We are delighted to be launching season 2 of the Ludgate Podcast series this July. This series of recordings was facilitated by Jack Regan of WestTalk. During the series Jack speaks to some local businesses in West Cork from the start ups to the more established, and here is a small selection of who you can expect to hear from

Season 2 will feature interviews with Fionn Ferreria of Fionn & Co, Fionn is a 20 year-old student, scientist, anti-plastic pollution innovator focusing on solving the plastic pollution crisis. Fionn was named a World Economic Forum Plastic Action Champion and regularly contributes to World Economic Forum events that advance the transition towards a circular economy for plastics. You will also hear interviews from Cillian and Colm, the SeaSquared duo. Born in the same year, in the same hospital, on the same day, this friendship goes way back. March 2020 put a halt to their busy lives in London and Dublin. Remote working brought them back home to West Cork. "Here, our eyes were opened, we saw West Cork in a way we had never seen before."



#JOBFAIRY



Check out our [Jobs page](#), Ludgate are recruiting for an Business Development Manager, as well as assisting other companies with roles.

Business Development Manager,

Are you a dynamic and energetic Business Development Manager with an entrepreneurial mindset, an interest in startups & scaling organisation and a passion for rural Ireland and in particular West Cork?

LUDGATE is looking for a Business Development Manager to work with our CEO; the new hire will work with a team of passionate economic development catalysers to attract businesses to relate or start up in West Cork creating and enabling jobs and economic sustainability in the region. For more information on this fantastic opportunity take a look at our jobs page link below!

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