

Dublin Chamber of Commerce
 and their relationship with
Junior Chamber Dublin

Junior Chamber Dublin, founded in 1956, has been closely linked to senior 'parent' for the 40 years of its existence. Forty years is a short time in the life of a chamber of commerce - particularly where Dublin is concerned. By 1956 Dublin Chamber had been one hundred and seventy three years in existence, and no doubt welcomed the emergence of a twentieth century junior model.

A Junior Chamber had been established in Cork some while previously, so it was only a matter of time before it came to Dublin. Members of the Council of Dublin Chamber established the first body of membership of Junior Chamber Dublin by nominating junior executives from their firms to membership of the new organisation. A close connection was maintained with Dublin Chamber in the initial years, particularly through the granting of the right to the President of Junior Chamber Dublin to attend the monthly meeting of the Council of Dublin Chamber, and in turn becoming and ex-officio member of the Council.

This arrangement proved to be greatly beneficial to the two organisations. On the one hand it introduced the Junior Chamber Dublin personnel to the working of the Dublin Chamber, but more important was the fact that it kindled an enthusiasm in those attending the Council meeting for the work of the Dublin Chamber - so much so that when their term of presidency of Junior Chamber expired, they became members of the Chamber. In due course many of these went forward for election to the Council and, indeed, some became presidents of Dublin Chamber.

The first such person was Michael O'Reilly, who became president of the Dublin Chamber in 1972, and sadly lost his life in the Staines air crash during his presidency.

First Meeting of the Council 19th October 1956

- 1 J. Sheeran
 - 2 J. Murphy
 - 3 P. Thompson
 - 4 J. O'Malley
 - 5 M. O'Sullivan
 - 6 Paul Moran
 - 7 B. Hughes
 - 8 ~~W. L. L. L.~~
 - 9 Alan Richard
 - 10 F. B. McCormell
 - 11 J. J. McMahon
 - 12 J. P. McGuire
- (Leenan) P. Mack
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