

**Fingal Business Network Event**  
**Facilitated by: Paul Murgatroyd**  
Fingal Business Network Manager

**“Sharing the Secrets of Business Success”**

**Wednesday 1st June 2011**

**AGENDA**

- Date:** Wednesday 1st June 2011
- Time:** 6.30pm – 9.00pm
- Location:** Clarion Hotel, Dublin Airport
- Agenda:**
  - 6.30pm Registration & Tea/Coffee
  - 7.00pm – 7.30pm Facilitated Round-Table Networking
  - 7.30pm – 8.15pm Panel Discussion with Q&A
  - 8.15pm – 9.00pm Informal Networking & Refreshments

This event will commence at 7 pm sharp

**Attendance is free of charge for Fingal based businesses.**

**Booking is essential as places are limited.**

**Online Booking: [www.fingalceb.ie/fbn](http://www.fingalceb.ie/fbn)**

**Hosted by Conall O Móráin - The Sunday Business Show, Today FM**



**Conall O Móráin** is one of the country’s best known communications advisers. An economist by training he runs his own communications consultancy, The Media Group ([www.mediagroup.ie](http://www.mediagroup.ie)), as well as presenting the Sunday Business Show on Today FM. He also writes weekly columns for two national newspapers. A former Business Correspondent with RTE, Conall worked as a stockbroker for over eight years before returning to his media roots in the mid 1990’s.

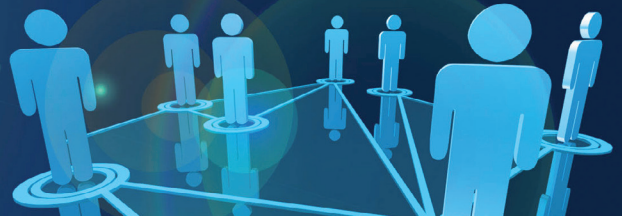
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**Panelists:**

- Greg Tobin** - Spear Technologies
- Ciaran Kennedy** - Founder and Technical Director, Critical Data Services
- Lisa Whelan** - Director, Dog Training Ireland
- John Aherne** - Founder and Owner, Golfgrafix

Further information can be obtained from Fingal County Enterprise Board on **01 8900800** or by e-mailing **info@fingalceb.ie**  
For all enquiries please contact Paul Murgatroyd, Fingal Business Network Manager on **0876998884**.





**Panelists:**

**Greg Tobin - Spear Technologies**



Greg established Spear in 2000 to assist small and medium sized companies in developing new products from design to manufacture. In 2009 Spear reached the finals of the Fingal Enterprise Awards.

Spear Technologies is an award winning product design and development company helping entrepreneurs and companies to successfully innovate and grow.

**Ciaran Kennedy - Founder and Technical Director, Critical Data Services**



Ciarán studied Business Information Systems at DIT Aungier Street and Computer Science at Griffith College Dublin, during which time he developed a keen interest in the area of data integrity and recovery. He founded Critical Data Services in May 2003, specialising in computer hard drive technology. CDS is the leading supplier of in-house data recovery services in Ireland and also provides computer forensic and secure data destruction services. Ciarán has also completed advanced forensic training in the UK using 'Encase', which is the most advanced forensics software tool currently available.

**Lisa Whelan - Director, Dog Training Ireland**



Founded by Lisa Whelan and Tara Choules in 2004, Dog Training Ireland has trained almost 5000 dogs in Ireland. DTI runs courses and workshops in Puppy Socialisation, Pet Dog Obedience, Behaviour modification and Aggression, Agility and Gundog. In Jan 2009 DTI opened the first doggie daycare in Ireland and in March 2010 DTI launched its "People Training" aspect to the business running the first "Train the dog trainer" course in the country. DTI also offers professional handling courses and canine first aid courses to professionals including county council dog wardens, groomers and dog walkers. Lisa is one of only three qualified behaviourists in Dublin and is approved by Allianz pet insurance for claims on behaviour work.

**John Aherne - Founder and Owner, Golfgraffix**



John Aherne is the founder and owner of Golfgraffix, an Irish company specialising in 3D golf course visualisation. Golfgraffix is unique amongst its competitors as they are the only visualisation company that offer its customers the ability to play their course or design as a PC based simulation. Since its launch Golfgraffix has worked on over 30 golf courses on 4 continents. With the help of Fingal County Enterprise Board Golfgraffix launched in the US at the PGA Show and has just secured a \$1.25 million 5 year contract with PLS an Arizona based Golf GPS company. The contract will see Golfgraffix map and create 3d models for 240 courses worldwide.

John has a 15 year background in Sales and Marketing and has worked in sales management roles for multinationals based here in Ireland.

