

## Lord Mayor officially opens new Cork counselling centre

CORK Counselling at the Hazelton Clinic has celebrated its official opening.

Located at the Ardfallen Medical Centre, Douglas Road, the centre was officially opened by the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr Dara Murphy, last Thursday.

Cork Counselling at the Hazelton Clinic opened its doors to patients in November 2008, as the first dedicated counselling centre in Ireland.

The Lord Mayor thanked the clinic's owners for innovative thinking in hard times of recession and for recognising the need for dedicated counselling services in Cork city.

The centre boasts a five-star, sound-proof premises, where confidential counselling services are provided by a highly qualified team of counsellors, available to everyone.

Richard Dore of Cork Counselling stressed that the centre offers a wide range of counselling services, covering such areas as phobias, anxiety, relationship and marital problems, bereavement, personal development.

The need for these services is reflected in the rapidly increasing number of GP referrals that the clinic has been receiving since it opened.

The Lord Mayor said that, as the head of the task force dealing with addictions, he was delighted that Cork Counselling provided a service that is not only available within 24 hours from first contact, but that is also non-judgmental, holistic and fully confidential.

Cork Counselling aims to educate and promote awareness of the various issues that most people find themselves struggling with. Courses such as The Family Programme, Men's



Lord Mayor of Cork Cllr Dara Murphy and Richard Dore, clinic administrator, at the official opening of Cork Counselling at the Hazelton Clinic in Ardfallen Medical Centre, Douglas Road.

Picture: Darragh Kane

Support Group, Relationship Enhancement Programme, and many others are available for groups.

Cork Counselling recently announced that it will soon work in partnership with schools, leading to the

educational programmes that will benefit both pupils and parents.

The Lord Mayor congratulated the staff of the Hazelton Clinic for their professionalism, wished them the best of luck for the future and offered his

full support.

Cork Counselling at the Hazelton Clinic is open from 9am to 9pm seven days per week.

Contact (021) 4936006 or visit the website [www.counsellingcork.com](http://www.counsellingcork.com)

# Abtran invests €1m in technology plans

**ABTRAN, Ireland's largest indigenous business process outsourcing provider (BPO), today announced a €1m investment in technology to boost its capability in business processing services.**

The company has invested in IBM's latest generation workflow, imaging and document management technology to generate savings of up to 30% for clients.

It has hired management technology consultants BearingPoint to oversee the project's implementation.

Abtran will use IBM's FileNet P8 platform to automate and streamline high-volume paper-based business processes, such as the processing of grants, licences, loan applica-

tions, payments and insurance claims.

In April, Abtran announced an investment of €6m in research and development, along with the creation of 250 graduate-level jobs by 2010.

Michael Fitzgerald, managing director of Abtran, said: "Abtran is continuously seeking out new and innovative ways to optimise efficiencies and deliver value-add services that further our clients' long term needs.

"This €1 million investment will significantly strengthen our existing expertise while enhancing our ability to deliver more flexible and scalable services," he added.

In selecting the solution, Mr Fitzgerald emphasised that Abtran focused on industry-leading solution providers with proven track records and expertise.

"Having evaluated a number of solutions, we

identified the IBM platform, implemented by BearingPoint, as the ideal fit for our rapidly expanding suite of end-to-end business process services."

Gary Mullane, manager of financial services with BearingPoint in Ireland, said: "Abtran recognises the opportunity to boost productivity through automation, especially in its business process outsourcing services."

Mick Ryder, IBM Software Sales, added: "The IBM FileNet P8 platform addresses demanding compliance, content and process management needs. It creates an agile enterprise content management environment to support a dynamic organisation like Abtran."

"In addition, the flexible IBM solution Abtran are putting in place will be a great catalyst for their continued fast growth," he added.

## IRISH STOCK EXCHANGE SHARES

PRICES AT 10.30AM TODAY

	Price 10:30am today (€)	Difference on prev close (€)	Price 5:30pm yesterday (€)
Abbey - lex	5.70	0.13	5.57
Aer Lingus Group	0.52	-0.01	0.53
Agi Therapeutics - lex	0.10	0.00	0.10
Allied Irish Banks	2.41	-0.26	2.67
Aminex	0.09	0.00	0.10
Bank Of Ireland	2.38	-0.12	2.50
Blackrock International Land - lex	0.08	0.00	0.08
Boundary Capital - lex	0.05	-0.01	0.06
CRH	17.50	-0.40	17.90
C&C Group	2.48	-0.12	2.60
CPL Resources - lex	1.75	-0.04	1.79
Datalex	0.23	-0.03	0.26
DCC	16.30	-0.60	16.90
Diageo	14.42	0.00	14.42
Donegal Creameries - lex	2.25	0.05	2.20
Dragon Oil	4.28	-0.05	4.33
Elan Corp	5.15	0.08	5.06
F.B.D Holdings	7.02	-0.23	7.25
First Derivatives - lex	2.99	0.19	2.80
Fyffes - lex	0.47	-0.02	0.49
Gartmore Irish	13.85	0.00	13.85
Glanbia	2.71	-0.04	2.75
Glencar Mining - lex	0.11	0.00	0.11
Grafton Group	3.75	0.15	3.60
Greencore Group	1.57	-0.09	1.66
Icon	15.20	-0.30	15.50
IFG Group	1.40	-0.05	1.45
Independent News & Media	0.26	-0.02	0.28
Irish Life And Permanent	5.10	0.35	4.75
Kenmare Resources	0.12	0.00	0.12
Kenmare Resources	0.29	-0.01	0.29
Kerry Group	18.40	0.15	18.25
Kingspan Group	6.02	-0.23	6.25
McInerney Holdings	0.22	-0.01	0.23
Merrion Pharmaceuticals - lex	3.65	-0.13	3.78
Newcourt Group - lex	0.04	0.00	0.04
Norkom Group - lex	1.25	0.08	1.17
Oglesby & Butler	0.15	0.00	0.15
Origin Enterprises - lex	2.80	-0.10	2.90
Ormonde Mining - lex	0.07	0.01	0.06
Ovoca Gold - lex	0.05	0.00	0.05
Paddy Power	18.85	-0.40	19.25
Petroceltic International - lex	0.16	-0.02	0.18
Petronet Resources - lex	0.18	-0.01	0.19
Prime Active Capital - lex	0.13	-0.01	0.14
Providence Resources - lex	0.05	0.00	0.05
Readymix	0.16	-0.01	0.17
Real Estate Opportunities	0.17	0.00	0.17
Ryanair Holdings	3.08	-0.04	3.12
Siteserv - lex	0.11	0.00	0.11
Smurfit Kappa Group	5.20	-0.29	5.49
Tesco	4.14	0.00	4.14
Thirdforce - lex	0.10	0.00	0.10
Total Produce - lex	0.38	0.00	0.38
Tullow Oil	12.19	0.29	11.90
Tvc Holdings - lex	0.59	0.00	0.59
United Drug	2.37	0.02	2.35
Utv Media	0.81	0.00	0.81
Veris - lex	0.30	0.06	0.24
Worldspreads Group - lex	0.68	0.00	0.68
Zamano - lex	0.18	0.00	0.18

## Cork branch of Junior Chambers recruiting members

ARE YOU a young professional, student or jobseeker, aged between 18 and 40? Would you like to be part of the largest leadership development programme in the world, run your own community and business projects while acquiring new skills and expanding your social network?

The Cork branch of Junior Chambers Ireland are now recruiting and will hold an information meeting tonight, at 7.30pm in Jury's Hotel, Western Road.

Since its launch in February last, the Cork branch has gone from strength to strength with members now including professionals from a cross-section of disciplines including the arts and media, HR, education and marketing.

Cork president Siobhán Duggan said: "JCI is a fantastic way to become involved in your local community, while availing of local and national skills training workshops and meeting new people.

"In the current economic climate, JCI can provide valuable work experience for those looking to expand their current skill set.

"As it's an international organisation, members can also network not just on a local level, but on a national and international level."

Recently elected members of the Cork branch include: Jeroen Proos (deputy president), Shayron Hobbs (marketing and public relations), Julia Foerster (finance), Therese

Fenton (training), Barry Fitzsimons (sports and social) and Therese Cullen (membership).

Upcoming events include the JCI National Convention in Moyvalley, Co. Kildare, Active Citizen Week on October 18-25 and the JCI Friendly Business Awards.

JCI Ireland is part of the largest personal and leadership development organisation for young people in the world.

Open to those in their 20s and 30s,

it gives its members the opportunity to become involved in local, national and international projects, while also providing specific training opportunities and acting as a social network with a range of activities.

For further details on Junior Chambers International, log onto [www.jci-ireland.org](http://www.jci-ireland.org).

For information on the Cork branch and the forthcoming information meeting email Shayron Hobbs at [shayronhobbs@hotmail.com](mailto:shayronhobbs@hotmail.com).