

# Westmeath New Business Ideas Competition 2012

## €12,000 PRIZE TO A NEW BUSINESS START-UP

Westmeath County Council and the Member Agencies of the Economic Development Sub-Committee of Westmeath County Development Board, in association with LIR Investors, Stephens Cooke & Associates and Handyweb - supporting start-up businesses in Westmeath are proud to offer this exciting new business promotion opportunity, to find a new and innovative business idea that will create sustainable employment in Westmeath.

The competition is open to people with a new business idea, who can create a real opportunity for a new business in Westmeath and is intended to encourage individuals with an entrepreneurial flair to consider self-employment as a real option.

**The first prize of €12,000 will consist of the tools to start your own business from scratch, in the form of business services and products including:**

- **A rent free enterprise unit for 1 year worth €4,000\***
- **Start-up finance of €2,000**
- **Accountancy and Advisory Services worth €2,000**
- **Website Design worth €2,000**
- **Business Mentoring worth €2,000**

*\*(choice of unit in Mullingar/Athlone or Castlepollard)*

Entry Forms are available from the Offices of Westmeath County Council, Westmeath County Enterprise Board and Westmeath Community Development Ltd., and can be downloaded from [www.westmeathcoco.ie](http://www.westmeathcoco.ie)

Completed entries to be received by post before 12 noon on Friday 9th March 2012.

A shortlist of FIVE entries will be selected for follow-up interview and presentation of business plan/next steps to the judging panel at the Grand Final will take place on Wednesday 28th March 2012 in the Greville Arms Hotel, Mullingar  
*(more details of the Grand Final event to be announced later).*

**ENTER YOUR NEW BUSINESS IDEA INTO THE COMPETITION NOW!**

