

News Roundup

Haven Wins National Social Enterprise Award

CONGRATULATIONS TO MOMENTUM'S HAVEN PRODUCTS SUBSIDIARY, which has recently picked up a prestigious National Social Enterprise Award at the 2007 Enterprising Solutions Awards at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

The Enterprising Solutions Awards are designed to find the UK's most dynamic and innovative organisations that trade on the market to solve

social and environmental problems. Haven was one of 15 firms to be short-listed and one of only five to win the prize.

Haven operates three sites across Scotland and assists people with various disabilities to gain meaningful employment. Haven employees work in a number of areas including packaging, component assembly and print finishing. Its workforce is made up of approximately 80 per cent people with disabilities.



And They're Off...

THE FIFTH REHAB GREAT INVESTMENT RACE is now underway and participants in this year's race include Oppenheim Investment Managers, Bank of Ireland Asset Management, AIB Investment Managers,

Irish Life Investment Managers and KBC Asset Management. Since its inception in 2001, the Rehab Great Investment Race has raised a staggering €700,000 for services to autistic children and their

families in Ireland. The race will finish at the end of July. You can keep track of how the teams are performing on the Rehab website and in the monthly column that appears in the business pages of *The Irish Times*.

Pictured above: Broadcaster Matt Cooper and Rehab Group Chief Executive Angela Kerins with fund managers competing in the Fifth Rehab Great Investment Race at the launch in the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin

A roundup of News from across the Rehab Group.

Having a Nice Day at McDonald's!

REHAB HAS EMBARKED on a ground-breaking work placement programme, designed to tackle the continued unemployment challenge facing people with disabilities in Ireland.

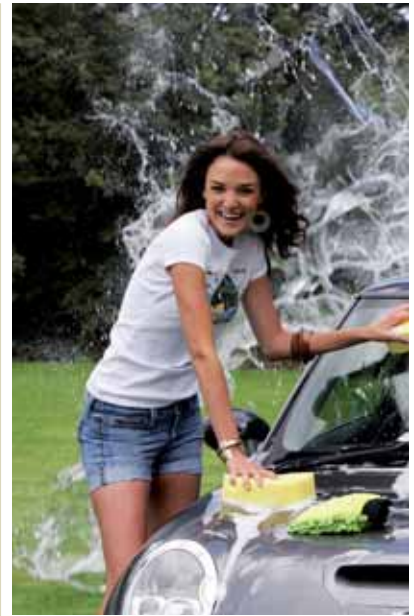
The work orientation programme seeks to introduce, or re-introduce, people with disabilities to the world of work over a period of six weeks. The programme was initially piloted within Rehab Enterprises in Limerick and proved extremely successful in securing employment for all participants.

The programme with McDonald's will provide participants with information about the company, including employer's expectations, the roles and responsibilities of staff

members and workplace health and safety.

Scheduled to be rolled out nationwide during 2008, the programme is specially-tailored to each company, no matter the sector. It aims to develop participants' work-related skills in areas such as team-work, confidence-building and communication skills.

All of the participants on the programme are learners with National Learning Network's catering programmes in Phibsboro, Tallaght and Roslyn Park College, Sandymount. It is anticipated that on completion of the programme, graduates will be placed with McDonald's in the Dublin region.



Pictured above: Miss Ireland 2007 Bláthnaid McKenna lends a hand at the launch of the Rehab/Top Oil National Car Wash Day

Chaseley's Quality Award

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF of The Chaseley Trust who gained four stars in the Recognised for Excellence section of the Business Excellence Awards. Part of Rehab Group, Chaseley is a residential home in Eastbourne on the south coast of England which provides treatment and rehabilitation services for people with significant physical disabilities. Chaseley's achievement followed an independent assessment under the EFQM Recognition Scheme of Levels of Excellence. Chaseley's Sue Wyatt said, "I am delighted that the dedication of everyone here at Chaseley has been recognised with this accolade, but the process doesn't stop here. We will continue to focus on improving every aspect of the care we offer and on developing facilities and services accessible by the local community."



Pictured above: The award is presented to Chaseley's Sue Wyatt by Chris Lebeer, CEO of EFQM, at the UK Excellence Award Ceremony, held in London last November.

Squeaky Clean for Rehab

BUCKETS AND SPONGES were in strong demand as the inaugural Rehab/Top Oil National Car Wash Day cleaned up last August, raising valuable funds for Rehab's services. The day was launched by Miss Ireland 2007, Bláthnaid McKenna, who literally scrubbed up for the announcement, cleaning cars at Rehab headquarters in Sandymount. Over the course of the day, a fantastic €20,000 was raised as members of the public enjoyed car washes in over 26 Top Oil depots and retail outlets in 14 counties. Top Oil is now a corporate sponsor of the Rehab Group and there are plans for another National Car Wash Day later this year. Thanks to all the volunteers who took part!

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Change is in the Air as Rehab Switches to Airtricity

A WIND OF CHANGE IS BLOWING through Rehab Group as it has moved its electricity supply contract to Airtricity, a world-leading renewable energy company that develops and operates wind farms in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland. The changeover means Airtricity is now responsible for supplying power to all Rehab Group centres in Ireland and demonstrates Rehab's interest in cleaner environmental practices.

Wind Energy – The Facts:

- Wind farms are the most economical and technologically-advanced means of producing electricity that is 100 per cent green.
- Each year, the energy generated by Airtricity wind farms prevents the release of over 750,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere – the equivalent of taking a staggering 170,000 cars off the road annually.
- The electricity-generating industry is the biggest carbon dioxide-emitter worldwide and electricity consumption continues to rise. Emissions are causing the earth to heat up at a faster rate than ever before.
- Global warming is melting glaciers, putting millions of people at risk of floods, droughts and lack of drinking water. Rising sea levels threaten low-lying nations.
- The White Paper on Energy and the National Climate Change Strategy (2007-2012) both commit to Ireland achieving 33 per cent of its electricity supply from renewable sources by 2020.

GPs to Assist in New Research on Rare Disorders in Ireland

A NEW RESEARCH PROJECT by RehabCare is set to examine the support needs of people affected by rare disorders on the island of Ireland, including Prader Willi Syndrome, Cornelia de Lange, Rett Syndrome and Fragile X.

Funded by the Health Research Board, the research will initially include consultation with a randomly-selected sample of approximately 700 GPs in the Republic and 300 GPs in Northern Ireland. In the coming months, GPs will receive a short questionnaire seeking their views on the provision of information on rare disorders and on the specific support services for patients and their families.

Other rare disorders to be examined as part of the research, although not an exhaustive list, are: Williams Syndrome, Cri du Chat, Neurofibromatosis and Sotos Syndrome.

In addition to consulting with GPs, RehabCare researchers will also speak individually with other professionals, including social workers and geneticists. A number of focus group sessions with individuals with rare disorders and their families will also take place.



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Tunnel Vision Broadens Minds with Open Day



Pictured above: The Mayor of Mallow, Cllr. Noel O'Connor (far right), with participants and visitors to National Learning Network Mallow's Tunnel Vision Open Day which celebrated the horticultural work of learners on the project

IT WAS WELLIES AT THE READY for National Learning Network Mallow's Pathways service in October when an Open Day was held for the Tunnel Vision Horticulture Project. Tunnel Vision is a joint programme organised by National Learning Network, the Irish Wheelchair Association, the Cope Foundation and Norwood mental health day centre.

The Mayor of Mallow, Cllr. Noel O'Connor, launched

the event which showcased the project's gardening work and included a presentation on the primary schools project which involves teaching children how to plant willow beds, grow vegetables and create a butterfly garden. In addition to gardening, the project develops sustainable techniques for growing and grinding grains to make porridge and examines local solutions to food poverty.

Rehab Enterprises Unveiled

REHAB GROUP'S COMMERCIAL DIVISION, formerly known as Gandon Enterprises, changed its name to Rehab Enterprises in October after a decision to rebrand the company to bring it closer to Rehab. Rehab is a household name and the newly-named Rehab Enterprises hopes to capitalise on Rehab's highly-regarded reputation.

Rehab Recycle is already a well-known and successful company. As Ireland's largest post-consumer waste recycler, it recycles 90,000 tonnes of waste a year – that's compared with 180 tonnes back in

1984 when it started. The name change will help to position the Enterprises' group of companies closer to Rehab Recycle.

Commenting on the change, Michael Horgan, Director of Enterprises, says, "Most of our customers know us as Rehab. By changing the name, Rehab Enterprises is reinforcing its link with Rehab and strengthening the Group's brand overall."

Rehab Enterprises

Investing in People, Changing Perspectives

Pictured above: The logo for the newly-named Rehab Enterprises

Momentum Wins Big

MOMENTUM, one of Rehab's UK divisions, has just won a very big award. The organisation has been awarded £500,000 from the Big Lottery Fund to help develop brain injury services in Scotland. The money will be provided over a four-year period. Well done to everyone involved!

