



Retail Excellence nominate two charity partners for their annual Awards

Peter McVerry Trust and Hugh's House are the selected charities

Retail Excellence, Ireland's largest retail representative body, has today announced their charity partners for the upcoming Retail Excellence Awards to be held in Killarney on Saturday November 11th.

Retail Excellence Annual Awards were established in 1997 to promote best practice and encourage the highest standards in the Irish Retail Industry. They are now the largest and most prestigious of their kind in Ireland. It is expected 700 retailers will attend the Awards next week.

Deputy CEO of Retail Excellence, Lorraine Higgins said "This is the first year Retail Excellence have fundraised at our national awards for good causes and we are delighted to have selected such worthy charities. Peter McVerry Trust and Hugh's House work every day to make a difference in our communities and we are humbled to help support them in some small way".

"Many of our member retailers do great benevolent work in their respective businesses and we are just following their example. Whilst fundraising for both charities is one aspect of what we want to achieve we also see the importance of increasing awareness within the retail workforce around their respective services".

The black-tie event will start at 18:00 in the Malton Hotel and the night will be MC'd by TV personality *Hector Ó hEochagáin* with other special guests

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Editors notes

The monies raised on the night will be split evenly among both charities.

Peter McVerry Trust is a charity set up by Fr Peter McVerry to reduce homelessness and the harm caused by drug misuse and social disadvantage.

Hugh's House provides accommodation 365 days a year to the families of children who are long-term in-patients of Temple Street and Rotunda Hospitals. We opened in May 2015 and are located less than 5 minutes' walk from both hospitals, which manage the referrals to the house.

About Retail Excellence

Established in 1995, Retail Excellence is owned by the members, for the members. We are an organisation which invests in innovative and exciting learning, market intelligence, human resources services, Government representation and member networking initiatives. Retail Excellence has over 1,800 leading retail companies in Ireland. Our members are the most progressive and innovative retailers. Retail Excellence is by far the largest retail industry body in Ireland.