

Macroom entrepreneur programme to repeat success

Thursday, 23 June will be an important day in the calendars of entrepreneurs around Macroom.

The day marks the end of the 2010/11 Greenshoots programme at Macroom E and the official launch of

the 2011/12 programme.

An awards ceremony will take place at Macroom E Enterprise Centre at 4pm where each of the current successful nine participants will be recognised for completing the programme after

which the upcoming programme will be officially launched. Information on the programme will be available at the event for anyone ready to start their business or grow or change direction with a current business.

Bobby Kerr of RTÉ's Dragon's Den fame will be the guest speaker on the evening along with a warm welcome from Macroom Town Mayor Cllr. Martin Coughlan, Mayor of the County Cllr. Kevin Murphy and County Manager Martin Riordan.

Sean O'Sullivan, CEO of South Cork Enterprise Board will give an over-

view of the programme and Cork Independent columnist, Lucy Hyland of Food for Living and participant of the very first programme will give an insight into what the programme meant to her.

Greenshoots is a nine month programme which provides entrepreneurs with the facilities (free office space and services), skills

training, mentoring, coaching and support necessary to make a real success of their business. Funded by Cork County Council and South Cork Enterprise Board, the programme is offered free of charge to successful applicants following a competitive application process. Participants will base themselves at Macroom E for the duration of

the programme after which reduced rental rates will be offered.

Register in advance for this event with Programme Manager Catherine Costello at 026-20520 or ccostello@macroom-e.com. See www.greenshootscork.ie for more details.