



## Senator Mark Daly's Monthly Newsletter

March 2009

### Senator Daly Ensures Ross Castle Opens for St. Patrick's Week

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of March this year, Senator Daly witnessed Minister for State for the OPW, Martin Mansergh, signing an order to open Ross Castle. Ross Castle was the only OPW site to open before St. Patrick's Day, opening four weeks ahead of all other OPW sites in Ireland.



Senator Daly welcomed the decision which came following numerous representations, and a visit to Tipperary on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of January to meet the Minister. He stated "Given Killarney and Kerry's status as the premium centres for tourism in Ireland, I welcome the opening of Ross castle in the coming days".

Senator Daly thanked the Killarney Chamber of Commerce, hoteliers and other tourism bodies for giving him help and assistance in providing him with information that allowed him to put a strong and compelling case for the reopening of Ross Castle. Jerry O'Grady of Killarney Chamber Executive

thanked Senator Daly in kind, with the words “we have little doubt that without the strong sustained representations made by Senator Daly on our behalf, we may not have succeeded. “

## **Senator Daly Organises CNN Interview for An Taoiseach with Wolf Blitzer**



Using his contacts in America, Mark organised an interview with CNN’s Wolf Blitzer for the Taoiseach during his visit to Washington on St Patrick’s week.

## **Brian Crowley’s MEP Re-election Campaign comes to Kenmare**



Brian Crowley MEP is campaigning for re-election to the European Parliament in June 2009. He will be visiting towns, villages and parishes in Kerry, Cork, Limerick, Tipperary and Waterford.

**Brian will be campaigning in Kenmare on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of April at 11am.**

For more information on Brian click [here](#), to read about his campaign click [here](#), or call Annette at his office at 1850 200 436.

## Senator Mark Daly welcomes the “Bring Back The Swansea Cork Ferry” campaign news



Having worked with Minister for Transport Noel Dempsey, Brian Crowley MEP and John Hosford (co-organiser of the campaign), the news that the ferry service will be resuming was welcomed. This success is made possible by the purchase of the “Julia”. The Finnish Bank that own the ferry Julia have agreed to sell the ship to the consortium. Co-op members have already raised €3 million to help purchase the ferry and hope that, after some minor refitting, it will be able to set sail by June 2009.

Senator Daly said that “this is a vital connection to the south west and in these difficult economic times it is important for tourism and industry that the link is re established”

The campaign, started by John Hosford and Adrian Brentnall, has been running since February this year. The organisers state that the service is essential to maintain tourism in the region and it has received huge support from investors and volunteers.

## **Senator Daly contacts CEO of E-Fuel and hopes to bring 8,000 manufacturing jobs to Ireland**

US company E –Fuel, manufacturer of the MicroFueler, are considering Ireland for the location of their new European base. Senator Daly has been in touch with Thomas Quinn, CEO of E-Fuel, with a view to locating this base in Ireland. Through the production of MicroFuelers, their nationwide supply and general sales and production, E-Fuel estimates that they will produce 15,000 jobs in total.



E-Fuel aim to replace oil and gasoline with ethanol, generated from general household waste, grass, woodchips and algae. To produce this ethanol, E-Fuel has created the MicroFueler, which is a home distillation device that is fully self-contained and self-monitoring.

Senator Daly has met with Mary Buckley, Vice President of IDA North America, and Tánaiste Mary Coughlan to gain support for this initiative.

## **Fair-trade Coffee Morning Held in Leinster House on 26th of February**



Senator Mark Daly with Cllr. Fiona O'Loughlin, John Nuwagaba General Manager of the Ankole Coffee Producers Co-Operative Union in Uganda, Keriann Hopkins and Louise Eich.

## Senator Mark Daly & Liam Breen's Campaign for GAA Tickets for Deaf Community Successful



For General Games:

- For all games up to the All Ireland finals, 24 tickets in a given area will be held specifically for the deaf community.

For All Ireland Senior Finals:

- 12 tickets will be held for the deaf community. Applications to access these tickets should be sent directly to Fergal McGill at Croke Park, Dublin 3, NO LATER THAN 10 DAYS BEFORE THE RELEVANT FINAL.

Mark would like to thank all in Croke Park and in the GAA for their support in this matter.