Over 100 Fingal female entrepreneurs joined the Local Enterprise Office Fingal to celebrate the start to the festive season at the annual Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) Christmas Lunch on Thursday 6th December at the Roganstown Hotel and Country Club.

The theme and keynote of the event were forward-looking: “Confidence in Action - Empowering Your Success in 2019”. Special guest speaker, Sharon Rossignuolo is a dynamic Business and Leadership Coach who loves nothing more than to see female entrepreneurs soar to their potential and thrive! As well as delivering an uplifting and motivating talk to attendees, Sharon ensured that everyone present takes full advantage of the networking opportunity.
Addressing the gathering of female entrepreneurs, the Mayor of Fingal Cllr Anthony Lavin reported that female entrepreneurship is alive and thriving in Fingal. Commenting that, of the 31 businesses approved for business priming and expansion grant funding in Fingal in 2018, 14 of these businesses are led by women, with a further three led jointly by female/male directors, so over 50% are led solely or jointly by women entrepreneurs. Our Local Enterprise Office also reports that of the 151 people that have so far this year completed the Start Your Own Business programme, more than half (52%) are female entrepreneurs, and of the 526 candidates that participated in management development workshops this year, 69% are women entrepreneurs demonstrating strong female enterprise activity within Fingal.

Head of Enterprise in Fingal, Oisin Geoghegan said at the event: “As we approach year end, this is a great opportunity for our businesswomen to reflect upon what they can do to excel in the coming year. This event, led by our excellent guest speaker Sharon Rossignuolo, inspired everyone attending and was a thoroughly enjoyable experience.”

The Local Enterprise Office in Fingal runs the Fingal Enterprising Women Network. It provides networking and learning opportunities for women in business and enterprise in the region. The Network meets up every quarter and provides a platform to female entrepreneurs (and aspiring entrepreneurs), to network, build useful local business contacts and keep up to speed with critical issues affecting business.

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Photo Caption: 1. L to R: Sharon Rossignuolo, Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Anthony Lavin, Helen Dunne and Oisin Geoghegan, Head of Enterprise Fingal.

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About Local Enterprise Office, Fingal
The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) in Fingal is part of a network of 31 Local Enterprise Offices nationwide, located within the Local Authority structure. The Fingal office is one of the largest and most active LEOs in the country. The role of the LEO is to support and provide assistance to existing and potential small business promoters located in Fingal, North County Dublin. In addition the Fingal LEO aims to foster the development of an enterprise culture. The LEOs operate under a Service level Agreement with Enterprise Ireland. Local Enterprise Office Fingal is funded by the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund.
About FEWN
Fingal Enterprising Women Network provides learning and networking opportunities for women in business and enterprise. If you are a female business owner/manager, or if you are actively involved in establishing your own business, you should check out our Christmas Lunch event for its learning potential and networking opportunities. For more information e-mail EnterprisingWomen@leo.fingal.ie