

Eco Coffee Packaging Wins Repak Recycling Award.

- Kenco recognised for their Eco Friendly Refill Pack – which uses 97% less packaging
- Tesco Ireland diverting more than 64% of all waste material or 17,000 diverted from landfill
- Irish Distillers awarded for using 70% recycled glass and diverting more than 95% of all waste material from landfill.
- UCC has conserved almost enough water this year to fill the equivalent of the Lough of Cork (around 20 million litres) and cut its waste costs by €300,000k
- Dublin City Council awarded for recycling efforts sorting facility handles over 60,000 tonnes.
- Limerick County Council recognised for Mungret Recycling Centre diverting 2,600 tonnes from 27,000 visitors.
- Leinster Environmentals process over 11,000 tonnes of material – mostly plastics.
- Rehab Glassco service 75% of all glass bring sites nationally and is the largest glass recycler processing over 80,000 tonnes of glass.
- Garveys Supervalu in Dungarvan Waterford achieved a 90% + recycling rate of all waste.
- Middleton CBS primary school winner from the 274 schools awarded first green flag in 2010.

Dublin 7th October 2010. Prevention of packaging was the big winner at the 9th annual Repak Recycling Awards which took place in the National Convention Centre today. Kraft Food won the Best Prevention Initiative Award for its Kenco Eco Refill packs which lead to a 97% decrease in its packaging, preventing over 100 tonnes on its products.

The awards, which took place as part of Repak Recycling Week, acknowledges best practice and prevention in packaging recycling of companies, schools, local authorities and waste contractors from around the country.

Some of the outstanding achievements include Tesco Ireland diverting more than 64% of all waste material from landfill (or 17,000 tonnes of packaging sent for recycling) and targeting a 50% reduction by 2020 in the carbon footprint of all its stores. Irish Distillers were recognised for using 70% recycled in their Jameson bottles and for diverting more than 95% of all waste material from landfill in 2009, while Limerick County Council had over 27,000 users of its Mungret recycling facilities which accepted over 2,600 tonnes of material. Dublin City Council handled over 60,000 tonnes through its facilities while Leinster Environmentals process over 11,000 tonnes of material of which 82% was packaging waste. Rehab Glassco recycled over 60,000 tonnes of domestic glass in addition to over 20,000 tonnes of commercial glass in its state of the art premises in Naas. Garveys Supervalu in Dungarvan Waterford achieved a 90+ recycling rate of all waste and finally Middleton CBS primary school in Cork reduced total waste from 61 kilos to an average of 20 kilos all of which was recycled or reused in addition to now supplying shredded paper to a nearby riding school.

And special acknowledgement was given University College Cork and Coláiste Dhúlaigh, Coolock as the first Green Campus to receive the green campus Flag. UCC saved over €300,000 in waste management costs, diverted over 400 tonnes from landfill and improved recycling rates from 21% to 60%. Coláiste Dhúlaigh reduced skips used from 34 to 1 per year and increased recycling from no collections to 136 green bins.

In total 12 awards were presented, winners were:

- Repak Best Packaging Prevention Initiative. **Kraft Foods Ireland**
- Repak Acknowledgement Award 2010. **University College Cork and Coláiste Dhúlaigh, Coolock**
- Repak Best Practice Award Industry Member. **Tesco Ireland**
- Repak Best Member Award. **Irish Distillers Group**
- Repak Civic Amenity Site / Recycling Centre of the Year. **Limerick County Council (Mungret)**
- Repak Local Authority of the Year. **Dublin City Council**
- Repak Recovery Operator of the Year 2010 – Small Company. **Leinster Environmentals**
- Repak Recovery Operator of the Year 2010 – Large Company. **Rehab Glassco**
- Best WEEE and Waste Battery Recycling Event of the Year. **Cork County Council**
- Repak Best Practice Award Independent Retail. **Garveys Supervalu, Dungarvan, Co Waterford**
- Repak Best Practice Award Hospitality Sector. **Glenlo Abbey Hotel, Galway**
- Repak Recycling School of the Year. **Middleton C.B.S. Primary School**

Commenting Dr. Andrew Hetherington, CEO, Repak said “We are witnessing through the Repak best practice awards a developing partnership that focuses efforts to recycle more and prevent packaging waste arising in the first place. What is clear is that all organisations can make a real impact but this needs commitment and a structured approach which Repak is able to provide to its members. This developing support for recycling and for removing excess packaging will have a lasting and profound effect on Ireland’s environment.”

Notes to Editor – Full Citations

1. Best Prevention Initiative Award 2010

Finalists:

- Kraft Foods Ireland
- Britvic Ireland
- Smurfit Kappa Ireland

Winner:**Kraft Foods Ireland T/A Kenco Coffee (winner)**

In 2009 Kenco initiated a new project on Eco Refill packs which contain 150g of coffee. These packs are intended to replace Kenco's 100g and 200g jar offerings.

The new refill pack weighs just 9g as opposed to a weight of 375g for an equivalent jar & lid, thereby reducing the amount of packaging by over 100 Tonnes and leading to 97% less packaging on their coffee product.

Also, the new refill pouch is made from a laminate material which can be difficult to recycle. Therefore Kenco ensured there was an option to upcycle this material instead by working closely with Terracycle, a US Company specialising in reusing old packaging to make new products such as bags, umbrellas and pencil cases. They are looking to launch Terracycle in Ireland soon. The total weight of the pouch is less than the weight of the old PP lid used with the jar thereby still reducing the amount of packaging going to landfill at the very least.

The '2010 Repak Best Prevention Initiative' award is presented to Kenco Ireland as reward for their efforts in packaging reduction, including the impressive advertising of their "97% Less" campaign.

Finalist (1):**Britvic Ireland**

Britvic Ireland's brands include Club, Ballygown, Mi-Wadi and J2O while it's also licensed to produce Pepsi & 7-up for the Irish Market.

By improving the bottle design and changing pallet configuration Britvic managed to increase pallet load efficiencies by 11%. Also, by introducing "Lock n Pop" adhesive on their trays of 330ml cans they have removed the need for stretchwrap on these pallets.

During 2009 Britvic Ireland managed to save 54 Tonnes of packaging and removed 450 truck journeys from the roads.

Finalist (2):**Smurfit Kappa Ireland**

Smurfit Kappa have 22 sites throughout Ireland and are one of the largest Packaging Companies in the World. SKI offer a Packaging Audit service to both customers and non-customers as an aid to help reduce the costs of packaging. This service is only available in Ireland.

Primarily focussed on corrugated packaging, the service also recommends other types of packaging savings that may be possible.

2. Repak Acknowledgement Award 2010

Joint winners. University College Cork and Coláiste Dhúlaigh, Coolock

Green Campus Programme

The Green-Campus programme is based on the framework and success of the Green-Schools programme and in essence is a version of Green-Schools for third level educational institutions. The programme grew out of the demand from students for a programme for third level institutions after they had been in primary and secondary schools that were involved in Green-Schools. Currently, there are 14 third level and further education institutions participating in the programme.

University College Cork

University College Cork was the first university to be awarded the Green-Flag under An Taisce's Green-Campus Programme.

UCC have been working on the programme for the last three years and are continuing to develop their Green-Campus programme.

University College Cork, with almost 20,000 students and staff, have already saved over €300,000 in waste management costs, reduced waste to landfill by nearly 400 tonnes and improved recycling & recovery rates from 21% to 60%. Furthermore, UCC has conserved almost enough water this year to fill the equivalent of the Lough of Cork (around 20 million litres).

Coláiste Dhúlaigh, Coolock

Coláiste Dhúlaigh, Coolock the first College of Further Education to be awarded the Green-Flag under An Taisce's Green-Campus Programme.

Coláiste Dhúlaigh, Coolock, with almost 400 students and staff has also been working on the programme for the last 3 years and is continuing to develop it. Results to date are:

- Waste to landfill has been reduced from 34 skips to 1 per annum
- Equates to 55 tonnes per annum reduction in waste to landfill
- Increase in recycling from no recovery to 136 green bins per annum
- 1.5 tonnes of paper saved per annum by use of ICT to distribute the student handbook
- Extensive Green-Campus curriculum development particularly in the areas of media and film production

3. Best Practice in Industry Award 2010

Finalist

- Tesco Ireland
- Baxter Healthcare
- Largo Foods

Winner

Tesco Ireland – Winner Best Practice in Industry Award

Tesco Ireland are this year's winners of the Repak Best Practice in Industry Award. With over 120 retail and distribution centres around the country, Tesco employ over 13,500 staff and reach over a million customers in Ireland. In the last year packaging on Tesco own-label products has been reduced in line with their target of a 15% reduction by 2010, they have increased the use of returnable packaging in both their stores and distribution centres, diverted more than 64% of all waste material to landfill and is reducing the carbon footprint of all of its stores by 50% before 2020. They have diverted 17,000 tonnes of used packaging away from landfill into recycling. As well as implementing a food recycling project across all stores resulting in 3,700 tonnes of food waste being recycled that was previously landfilled.

The judges were impressed by Tesco's systematic approach to waste management showing continuous improvement in all areas examined and has resulted in huge improvements to Tesco's waste management systems. Packaging waste, food waste, energy consumption and water consumption have all been reduced and Tesco continue to drive waste out of their processes. Tesco Ireland are the winners of the Best Practice in Industry Award, 2010.

The Best Practice in Industry Award is presented to the member company with the best overall waste management and packaging improvement systems. The three finalists in 2010 are Tesco Ireland, Largo Foods, and Baxter Healthcare.

Finalists.

Baxter Healthcare.

Dialysis treatments pose a huge challenge in relation to waste management. One treatment alone contains a large amount of packaging waste, which must be managed by the hospital or renal unit where it is delivered. Baxter have developed a "treatment pack" system where the majority of packaging is removed from its products at the Baxter site and prescriptions are assembled into small plastic bags and delivered in returnable crates. This results in minimal storage, unpacking and waste processing and allows more time to be spent with the patient. Baxter have also developed a "home care" programme for their renal and oncology patients where all waste associated with their products is collected from the patient's home and managed in the most appropriate manner.

Largo Foods.

Largo Foods is the leading manufacturer and distributor of premium snack foods in Ireland, supplying products in the Irish, UK and Continental European markets. Their brands include Tayto, King, Hunky Dorys, Perri and Sam Spudz, manufactured in facilities in Meath and Donegal. In 2009 they embarked on a programme to improve all aspects of their waste management systems. This has resulted in volume reductions of up to 22% in pack and cases sizes, an increase in the use of returnable packaging, a 36% increase in the amount of packaging material recycled and over 91% of all waste material being diverted from landfill in 2009. They have also implemented a system to recover starch from their process water, and reduced their energy consumption by implementing a

heat recovery system. Largo Foods also have a number of projects underway that will improve their waste management performance even further in the coming years.

4. Best Member Award 2010

Finalists

- Tesco Ireland,
- Superquinn
- Irish Distillers Pernod Ricard

This is Repak's top membership award for 2010. It goes to the member who has demonstrated an excellence in waste management best practice and a high level of partnership and participation in the Repak scheme..

Winner.

Irish Distillers Pernod Ricard.

The Group distills and distributes internationally a range of famous Irish whiskey, gin and vodka brands. As the world's leading producer of Irish whiskey, their flagship brand Jameson has enjoyed spectacular success globally. Jameson has now reached sales of two million cases and for the first time has made it into the top fifty selling spirit brands worldwide. It is the fastest growing international whiskey brand in the world and one of the fastest growing spirits brands.

Irish Distillers Pernod Ricard a founding member of Repak have a history of optimising their packaging, be it Primary, secondary or tertiary. Irish Distillers Pernod Ricard has invested heavily in implementing best practice procedures in all areas of waste management and continues to drive waste out of their processes. They now use over 70% recycled in the Jameson Whiskey bottles, supporting end markets for recycled glass. They have increased their recycling by 9% and diverted more than 95.5% of all waste material from landfill in 2009. They have no intention of resting on their laurels with further improvements planned. Irish Distillers Pernod Ricard are exemplary members of Repak and were runners-up for the Best Prevention Initiative award last year. Repak acknowledges the continued upward progress of this company with the award of Repak Best Member of the Year 2010.

Finalists.

Tesco Ireland.

Tesco is the third largest retailer in the world, after Walmart and Carrefour. Tesco Ireland is a public retailer that has a strong local sourcing and corporate social responsibility policy. The environment is at the core of what Tesco does and it is committed to an integrated strategy to reduce and minimise its environmental impact. In the last year Tesco have removed 1600 tonnes of packaging from their own-label products and diverted more than 64% of all waste material from landfill. They are clearly focused on packaging waste prevention and minimization issues and are working with their suppliers to reduce the amount of packaging coming onto the market. Tesco have been impeccable

members and supporters of Repak over a number of years and continue to pursue this relationship with enthusiasm.

Superquinn

Superquinn was established in 1960 and opened its first store on the 25th November in Dundalk. It is 100% Irish owned with 23 stores throughout the South of Ireland. As a company they were fully committed, along with their supply base to reduce the amount of packaging waste. Within the first ten years of its membership of Repak almost 50% of waste material processed by Superquinn was recovered and re-directed to constructive use. Having already implemented a number of very effective packaging initiatives in previous years, Superquinn has all the hallmarks of a business that is upwardly mobile, continually finding packaging prevention and minimisation projects.

5. Repak Civic Amenity/Recycling Centre Of The Year Award 2010

Finalists:

- Limerick County Council – Mungret Civic Amenity Site operated by Indaver
- Louth County Council – Dundalk Recycling Centre operated by V&W Recycling
- South Tipperary County Council – Wallers-Lot Recycling Centre, Cashel

Winner:

Limerick County Council – Mungret Civic Amenity Site operated by Indaver.

The Mungret Civic Amenity Site was opened to the public in October 2006 and is operated by Indaver Ireland on behalf of Limerick County Council. The site serves Limerick City and the surrounding suburbs with a population of over 50,000. During 2009, the site had over 27,000 users. 2,600 tonnes of material were accepted at the site during the year and diverted from local landfills. All waste streams accepted at the site are required to be reused or recycled.

Indaver the operators at the Mungret Civic Amenity Site regard reuse an important part of the waste hierarchy, and so, many innovative reuse schemes are in operation at the site. Green waste brought by users is shredded into a mulch and given away free of charge. A total of 350 tonnes of free mulch was used by customers in 2009. There is a paint reuse scheme on site, which allows users to leave any unused tins of paint, or pick up ones that they might make use of. There is also a community bulletin/swap board available for customers to use, and any items presented for recycling that are considered useful, are segregated and made available to any one that can reuse them.

It is believed by the site operators that communication and awareness are instrumental to the continued success of any civic amenity site, and they go to great lengths to educate

their users and the community. Various information leaflets and booklets are produced, along with newspaper advertising campaigns. However, they consider their school and community group tours to be the most effective tool when it comes to communication and education, and all members of the site staff take great pride in conducting these regular tours.

6. Repak Local Authority Of The Year Award 2010

Finalists:

- Fingal County Council
- Louth County Council
- Dublin City Council

Winner:

Dublin City Council.

Dublin City Council is one of the largest local authorities in the country in terms of services and employees. It is the lead authority for waste management in the Dublin region. In 2009 in addition to increasing the number of Bring Banks to 125, It operated a domestic refuse collection with both a Mixed Dry Recyclable aka Green Bin and Brown Bin collection for organic waste. The City has two Civic Amenity Sites as well as nine Recycling Centres strategically located across its administrative area. In 2009, as lead authority, it oversaw the successful opening and operation of the new Regional Material Recovery Facility aka MRF in Ballymount. This facility, which is one of the biggest in the country, handled over 60,000 tonnes of mixed dry recyclables waste material from the Dublin region in 2009. Separating and sorting the mixed dry recyclables into higher value distinct recycling market commodities such as plastic bottles, cardboard, steel and aluminium cans. Etc.

During last year Dublin City actively participated in national environmental events such as Green Schools, National Spring Clean and the Tidy Towns competition. It has also partnered with Repak in various initiatives including Repak National Recycling Week, the Green Christmas and Easter packaging recycling campaigns.

In another new initiative the 2009 Dublin City Marathon went green. Dedicated receptacles were located at strategic points of the route and used for the collection of recyclable material. Several thousands of plastic bottles and containers were collected and recycled during this event.

Dublin City was the first local authority to take a prosecution under the packaging regulations and since then has continued to play an active role to ensure compliance where it can - given the interpretation of the regulations and financial constraints.

Dublin City Council is a previous winner of this award.

7. Repak Recovery Operator Of The Year - Small to Medium Company Award 2010

Finalists:

- CJ Sheeran
- Clean Ireland Recycling
- Leinster Environmentals

Winner:

Leinster Environmentals

Established in 2003, Leinster Environmentals operate a Resource Renewal Centre from their fully permitted and licensed recycling facility at Haggardstown, Dundalk, Co. Louth. The aim of the company is to provide local, regional and national customers with a solution to waste packaging recycling by accepting and recycling these materials into high quality products. Plastic materials accepted at the site are recycled into high quality pellets and granules which are sold to customers throughout the world, who use them in place of new or “virgin” plastic granules in the manufacture of a wide assortment of products.

Leinster Environmentals deal with many materials that are considered difficult to recycle, such as hard plastics and plastic film, and adds value to the material, turning it from a often a negative value waste stream into a positive valued commodity. The company works with many other Repak registered Recovery Operators, providing them with an outlet for some of the materials that they are unable to properly process themselves, and subsequently ships the material directly to verified and legitimate end markets across Europe and Asia.

Leinster Environmentals are continually upgrading their on-site capabilities, allowing them to process a greater quantity, and also a greater range of materials. During 2009, the company processed nearly 11,000 tonnes of material, of which nearly 82% was packaging waste.

The hard work and innovation taking place at Leinster Environmentals have also been recognised by other bodies. The company was awarded the Exporter of the Year Award in 2009 by Louth County Enterprise Board.

8. Repak “Recovery Operator Of The Year - Large Company” Award 2010

Finalists:

- PANDA
- Thorntons Recycling
- Rehab Glassco Ltd

Winner:

Rehab Glassco Ltd

Rehab Glassco Ltd was established in late 2009 through the merger of the state's two biggest glass processors and collectors; Rehab Recycling based in Dublin and Glassco Recycling Ltd which is based in Kildare. The company now operates two glass processing facilities. This new merged company is the major collector of glass from public bring banks in Ireland. Rehab Glassco Ltd also collects substantial quantities of bottle glass from commercial premises such as public houses, clubs & restaurants. The company's main business is the production of glass cullet, which is the conversion of raw bottle glass into suitable melt glass material for the manufacture of new glass bottles. To this end it also accepts and processes glass from other Recovery Operators and is an important indigenous link facilitating the closed loop recycling of waste Irish glass bottles & jars. In addition to container glass processing the company also collects non-packaging glass as well as aluminium and steel cans for recycling. This waste packaging material is primarily obtained from bring banks that accompany some of the glass bottles sites.

In 2009 the combined companies (Rehab and Glassco) serviced approximately 1,500 Bring Banks spread across 25 different Local Authority areas. In terms of serving the national bring bank network the company handles upwards of 76% of the unmanned national bring bank network. In total, over 60,000 tonnes of glass bottles and jars were collected from these sites last year. A further 20,000 tonnes of commercial glass was also collected in 2009. All of this glass was processed here in Ireland prior to export.

All of the bring banks from which it collects glass are bar-coded and combined with a state of the art real time data capture system. This means that Rehab Glassco can identify the glass bottle tonnage collected from each individual bring bank site from which the usage of the site may be determined. This information is of vital importance to control cost and maintain efficient collection systems.

Rehab Glassco Ltd employs 78 staff at its two depots a number of whom are disabled. The new company is growing from strength to strength and is in the process of doubling their processing capacity at their plant in Naas, Co. Kildare with a major upgrade underway at this time.

9. Best WEEE and Waste Battery Recycling Event of the Year.

Finalists:

- Cork County Council West

- Galway County Council
- Tesco Ireland

Winner:

Cork County Council

Cork County Council West have collected 347 tonnes of electrical waste and waste batteries from 17 collection events in West Cork in the last 18 months. The council staff, schools and community partnerships have gone the extra mile in terms of proactively raising awareness of electrical and battery recycling in the area. The rationale behind organising collection days in West Cork is to “...encourage the public to recycle their waste in a free and environmentally friendly manner, also to facilitate communities who do not have easy access to a recycling centre”.

The extra initiative undertaken by Cork County Council West is one of the driving factors behind the success of their collection days. They have gone above and beyond in terms of innovative collection methods including

- Leaflets delivered to school children to bring home to parents
- Posters put up in every store that would accept them two weeks prior to each event
- Conducting interviews on local radio stations
- Organising competitions for battery collections in primary schools.

As well as promoting the large recycling events, Cork County Council has been a large part of the green schools programme and has introduced WEEE and battery recycling facilities to primary and secondary schools in the area.

10. Repak Best Practice Award Independent Retail.

Winner

Garveys SuperValu, Dungarvan, Co Waterford

Standards at the top end of the Independent supermarket sector are now on a par with, and indeed, in some cases exceed the best to be found in high end multiples. A case in point is this year’s winner of the Repak Best Practice Award for Independent Retailers. The store in question, a 17,000 sq ft outlet, flies the SuperValu flag and not only follows the Musgrave template on waste management to the letter, but adds their own unique flair to reinforce the message. This year’s winner, Garveys SuperValu in Dungarvan, has consistently achieved a 90% + wastes recycling rate in recent years – no small achievement by any measurement.

Part of the 10 store Garvey Group, this outlet not only maintained its high level of recycling year on year but through judicious management of waste costs, reduced its waste bill for the year by 18%. During the year they signed up to the Food Surplus Management programme as a cost effective method of disposing of all out of date and damaged fresh foods. This move closely aligns them with the requirements of the recently introduced Food Waste Regulations and again gives them a strong competitive edge locally.

In a highly competitive category, Garveys SuperValu, Dungarvan under manager, Liam Power, are narrow but worthy winners of Repak's 2010 Best Practice Award for Independent Retailers,

Finalists

Runner-up: Quishs SuperValu Supermarket, Tramore, Co. Waterford

For the second year in a row, Quish's SuperValu in Tramore is a runner-up for Repak's Best Practice Award for Independent Retailers. Store manager, Niall Shanaghy pulled out all the stops in an effort to better their performance of last year, but despite a strong challenge missed out on the major prize. The store of some 17,000 sq ft has an excellent recycling culture and all staff are trained in recycling best practice at point of induction with refreshers at regular intervals thereafter. Standards in the wastes room were greatly improved year on year and this outlet has also signed up for the Food Surplus Management programme to dispose of all out of date fresh goods in an environmentally friendly and cost effective way. Savings of €3,500 on waste management costs, year on year, were noted as was the introduction of paper shredders for office papers in all admin areas.

An excellent effort, which with a little tweaking, can lead to better things in future Repak Award competitions.

Runner-up: Quishs SuperValu Supermarket , Ballincollig, Co. Cork

Quishs SuperValu in Ballincollig, the Repak Award winner for 2009, was literally pipped at the post in their effort to defend their crown. This tremendously impressive retail outlet of some 20,000 sq ft in the bustling Cork suburb of Ballincollig has a well motivated staff of 113 under manager Paul Martin. In a sense, they did everything right in defence of their title and were only beaten by the proverbial whisker by some of the finer detail and a consistently higher overall recycling rate by the eventual winner. The judges were greatly impressed by Quish's high recycling rates and the attention to detail that the entire team puts in, not just for this award , but right throughout the year. Proprietor Sean Quish paraphrased by saying: "recycling is not just for Christmas," and added his vision of eventually moving to a zero waste situation in his business.

Quish's participate to great effect in the newly introduced Food Surplus Management programme and find this an excellent way to control all unsaleable fresh products. Also noted was the fitting of locks to all exterior waste bins to prevent tampering – an idea that others will surely emulate.

Such are the high levels found in this awards competition that a store of the excellence of Quish's in Ballincollig can have their crown snatched from their grasp, for the current year at least. There is no doubt that they will be back to challenge for the award again in future years.

11. Repak Best Practice Award Hospitality Sector.

Winner

Glenlo Abbey Hotel, Galway

The Glenlo Abbey Hotel is a luxury, family run hotel, located in Bushypark, Co. Galway. The Hotel has 46 bedrooms, a fine dining restaurant, bar, extensive banqueting facilities and a nine-hole golf course. This five star hotel provides the feeling of relaxation in picturesque surroundings. The Hotel has an excellent waste management structure in place involving all staff and prides itself in fulfilling and indeed, going beyond, its statutory obligations. This comprehensive approach has seen The Glenlo Abbey work in conjunction with Galway County Council in order to tutor other businesses in the locality on their waste management methods. They have phased in a range of impressive and innovative waste prevention initiatives over time, from their 'Packaging Free Breakfast' which has eradicated the need for butter & jam packaging, to finding innovative ways to reuse waste material. The hotel constantly strives to achieve the very highest standards in recycling and have been steadily increasing their recycling rate over the past number of years. The Glenlo Abbey Hotel has an absolute commitment to very highest standards in staff training in waste management, a policy that it pursues with great enthusiasm.

Finalist – The Westport Woods Hotel & Spa

The Westport Woods Hotel and Spa is located just a few minutes from Westport town centre, on the Quay Road. The hotel places a strong emphasis on family holidays and has many facilities, such as an eco-friendly playground and adventure facilities which reflect this. Guests are catered for in the Lakeview Restaurant and the Bench Café Bar and can unwind in the Cedar Spa. Waste management at the hotel is led by management, with an emphasis restructuring areas where staff stream waste, in order to ensure they are as user friendly as possible. Food items are bought in bulk and the hotel is currently reaping the rewards of a newly installed composting facility for use on-site.

Finalist – The Westin Dublin

The Westin Dublin is a five star, 163 bedroom hotel situated in Dublin's city centre. The hotel employs 142 staff who work in the hotels accommodations, kitchen and sales departments, in The Workout Gym, Exchange Restaurant and Mint Bar and in the

extensive conferencing and banqueting facilities. The hotel has proven that they are working on introducing innovative projects to reuse their packaging and are clearly committed to putting time and effort into encouraging staff involvement with their initiatives. This is a hotel which will be a strong competitor at next years awards.

12. Repak Recycling School of the Year

Winner

Middleton C.B.S. Primary School

Middleton C.B.S. is a boy's primary school of 350 pupils and a teaching staff of 17. The school joined the Green-Schools programme in 2008 and was awarded the coveted Green Flag in May of this year. The school was chosen as the winner of the Repak Recycling School of the Year competition, from 274 schools awarded the Green Flag for Litter & Waste, in 2010.

Through the Green-Schools programme the school has developed an inclusive, effective and efficient waste management programme.

Actions and initiatives of the school include:

- Pupils set up a recycling corner in each classroom consisting of a box for pencil toppings, box for scrap paper to be re-used, box for used stamps, and a box for non-recyclables.
- In the staffroom teachers segregate glass, paper, and non-recyclables.
- The school collects tea bags, fruit skins, and paper towels for use in the compost bin.
- The school acts as centre for recycling mobile phones, stamps, and cards
- In the area of reuse, the school is now supplying shredded paper to the riding school in Cobh
- The school has adopted a successful waste prevention purchasing policy
- It introduced a wormery and developed an organic garden
- Set up a website where the Green-school committee posts regular news updates

As a result, the school has reduced total waste output per week from 61 kg to an average of 20 kg, and all of this waste is recycled or reused.

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