



The biggest alumni networking event in Ireland

DATE: SEPTEMBER 25th VENUE: RDS, DUBLIN

The US Embassy is inviting anyone who ever went on a J1 Summer Work and Travel Program, or any other US exchange program, to take the experience one step further and join the J1 Connect event on September 25, 2014 at the RDS in Dublin. More than 150,000 Irish have participated in the J1 program over almost 50 years. J1ers are everywhere in Irish business, politics, academics and culture. For anyone who ever asked themselves how they could build on the skills, interests and connections they made in the US, this event should be a starting place.

The day will include prominent J1 speakers from the world of politics, business, academics and the arts. Workshops will cover a variety of topics including understanding US visas, studying in the US, strategies for setting up business in the US, insider tips on travel trends, and coaching on professional networking. A J1 business showcase will highlight the huge impact the J1 has had on Irish entrepreneurs and business. The day will end with the Derek Ryan and band for those who never learned to line dance on their J1, and for those who did.

Whether your J1 summer just ended, or is a more distant memory, J1 connect is an opportunity to celebrate this "rite of passage" exchange.

Program

- 10.30am Registration - enter via the RDS Concert Hall entrance
- 11.00am Opening Remarks and Panel Discussion
- 12.30pm American Inspired Food Market
- 2.00pm J1 Connect Workshops
- 3.00pm J1 Connect Workshops
- 5.00pm J1 Homecoming Celebration with Derek Ryan and Band
- 8.00pm Event ends

J1 Business Connect

Does your business relate to your J1 experience? Please share your story on the registration page or email us at dublinevents@state.gov. Please include your name, contact details and company website, as well as 3 - 4 sentences about your connection.

Registration

Registration is open to participants of the J1 Summer Work and Travel program, and other US exchange programs, past and present. Please note your program year and the U.S. city where you worked when you register. Advance registration is required. Registration closes on Friday, September 19. Photo ID required for admission to the event.

Please note that if you cannot attend but are still interested in connecting, please register your interest here or send an email to dublinevents@state.gov.

j1connect.eventbrite.ie



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