

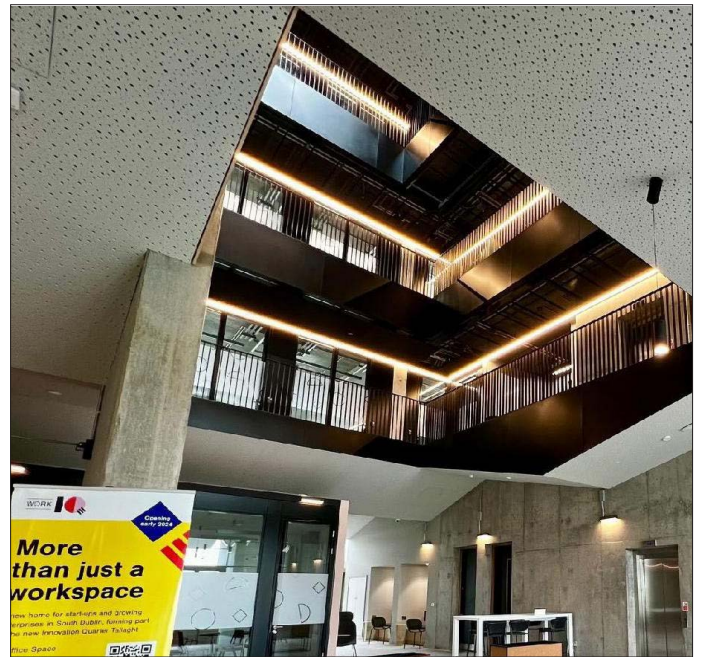
INNOVATION QUARTER NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS IN TALLAGHT

The launch of the new Innovation Quarter in Tallaght marks the official opening of Work IQ – South Dublin County Council’s new €16m purpose-built innovation centre – and the completion of a major €8m new public realm scheme linking Work IQ with County Hall, the Cultural Quarter and Tallaght Town Centre as well as the planned future Tallaght Mobility Hub.

Strategically located on land owned by South Dublin County Council (SDCC) in Tallaght Town Centre, Work IQ is a key part of the new Innovation Quarter urban district being developed by SDCC. It also includes a new cost rental apartment scheme (which, along with Work IQ, will be served by the Tallaght District Heating Scheme, Heatworks) and Innovation Square, a new flagship public park.

The Tallaght Town Centre Local Area Plan, adopted in 2020, set the framework for 11,000 new homes and 15,000 new jobs in the area. The Innovation Quarter development is an integral element in delivering on the ambition of the LAP. Innovation Quarter is also part of a combined investment of over €80m in infrastructure projects in the centre of Tallaght, including new link roads, major public realm enhancements, the delivery of the fourth stand at Tallaght Stadium and a proposed new Heritage Centre.

Work IQ - the four-storey, 3,000 square metre new home for start-ups and growing enterprises in South Dublin - offers three floors of flexible office accommodation including private and shared office space and co-working options as well as a range of meeting and conference rooms. It will be operated on behalf of the Council by Oxford Innovation, who currently manage the largest network of innovation centres in the UK, hosting more than a thousand innovative early-stage businesses.



Interior of Work IQ - the new innovation centre.



At the launch of the Innovation Quarter on 23 May 2024. South Dublin County Council’s Chief Executive Colm Ward and South Dublin Mayor Cllr. Alan Edge pictured with Stephen Donnelly, Minister for Health.

The centre, which also features a ground-floor public area with town hall space and a café area that face directly onto a stunning new urban plaza, will provide tailored business supports and will host regular onsite networking events, workshops and innovation showcases.

Clients of Work IQ can also expect to benefit from collaboration opportunities with key council partners including the Local Enterprise Office, Enterprise Ireland, South Dublin Chamber, Technological University Dublin, Tallaght University Hospital and many private others.

Innovation Quarter is underpinned by an ambitious public realm project, which has delivered a pathway of connected public open spaces at Innovation Square, Chamber Square and at the planned transport interchange, merged with mixture of planting, urban and soft landscaping, biodiversity features, new seating and new pedestrian and cycling

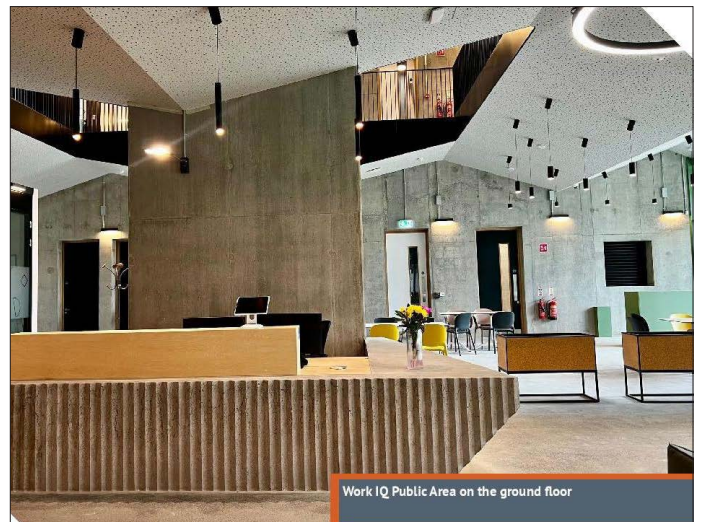


desire lines, linking Tallaght Town Centre and Cookstown.

This has set the benchmark for the future public realm development in Tallaght Town Centre while also providing inviting and animated public open spaces that will foster social interaction, bringing vibrancy and vitality to the area.

The launch of the Innovation Quarter represents a major investment in the future of Tallaght as a vibrant urban centre, delivering a transformative new district that will support job creation and economic growth while also enhancing local community development and the cultural identity of South Dublin.

Key Features of WorkIQ



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