

US Ambassador to address business leaders

Influential Irish business leaders to gather in Dublin Castle following the expected restoration of Northern Ireland's Government

6 May 2007 -- US Ambassador Thomas Foley will join over 150 of Ireland's business leaders at Dublin Castle for a Glenree Business Club peacebuilding event sponsored by Vodafone on 29 May 2007.

The Glenree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation is a non profit organisation that has for many years been at the very heart of the peace process in Ireland. This timely event takes place as politicians come together to form the new Northern Ireland Assembly. Ambassador Foley stated: "I firmly believe in the important role the business community can play in building a strong future for Northern Ireland."

Alfie Kane, President of Glenree, who founded the Business Club, commented: "I never cease to be amazed at the dedication and professionalism of the Glenree team – and the contribution they continue to make to the process of peace and reconciliation. I am always appreciative of the support of the Business Club, without which the Centre could not operate on the scale that it does."

The Glenree Business Club recognises the contribution business can make to peaceful society and the resulting Peace Dividend. To join the Business Club companies make a three to five year commitment of either a monetary donation or in-kind support.

Gerry Fahy of Vodafone commented: "Vodafone is honoured to support this event. Like many Irish companies, we take pride in all of our community involvement activities. The work of the Glenree Centre is particularly pro-active and innovative."

The Glenree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation organises workshops and programmes for politicians, victims and former combatants; delivers peace education; and holds training sessions and conferences at its historic and picturesque location in Glenree, Co Wicklow.

Glenree is committed to building bridges between divided communities.

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