

## **‘ Check In...To Take Off!’ Airport Jobs Workshop**

daa and Blanchardstown Area Partnership joined forces to showcase Job Opportunities at Dublin Airport on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of November at the Radisson Blu Hotel Dublin Airport.

This was a unique initiative which involved over 30 frontline daa staff showcasing jobs in Retail, Operations, Customer Services, Facilities/Cleaning and Security at Dublin Airport to local Fingal jobseekers supported by BAP as well as ITB students. The MC for the morning was Alan Short and he provided great tips on the important of networking when looking for a job. One participant was inspired by the motivational speaker and told us that *‘I was actually made aware that nothing can stop you if you dream big’*

Anna Pringle (Chief People Office, daa) highlighted the number and range of jobs and opportunities that exist in the airport and was thrilled with that the event booked out so quickly. Anna commented how “this shows us that people are aware that daa is a great place to work and continue to be curious about the positions on offer”.

BAP continues to help the government with its targets for economic growth and job creation with more than 150 eager job seekers attending this innovative and exciting way to look for and land a job.

The Mayor of Fingal Mary McCamley spoke about how BAP offers a range of supports including courses, workshops and one-to-one mentoring for individuals looking for a job. Mr Paul Reid (CEO Fingal County Council) talked about how important daa are to the economic fabric of Fingal and their value as an employer in the area.

One participant currently looking for a job described how *‘This event really helped improve my confidence and made me feel like Dublin Airport is a place I would like to work’*

*‘It was an eye opener and a very positive experience. I feel I have all the information I need to apply for a job with the daa’*

Adeline O’ Brien (CEO of BAP) thanked all who worked so hard to ensure that the morning was a success and took the opportunity to announce that BAP are changing their name. Adeline explained that their service supports people to make positive changes in their lives and went on to say that “We aim to make you stronger and more confident, especially in controlling your own life and claiming your rights, we exist to enable change and Empower you. And so I’m delighted to tell you all that BAP will soon become Empower”.

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About Blanchardstown Area Partnership

Blanchardstown Area Partnership is a local development company situated in Fingal. The Partnership is responsible for a range of Government funded programmes to meet the needs of individuals, families and community groups.

These include:

The Local Employment Service,

Tús in Dublin 15

The Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) which delivers services and programmes across Fingal.

Blanchardstown Area Partnership aims to tackle unemployment, poverty and social exclusion through programmes which meet the needs of individuals, families and community groups across Fingal.