

Best Practice at Lakeland Dairies



Having won the Repak Member of the Year award in 2007, Lakeland Dairies have gone on to examine how they can prevent and reduce their packaging as well as recycling it. Some of the results of these efforts are highlighted in the Best Practice section in this issue on page 4.

Challenges in the Food Packaging Sector



Enterprise Ireland held a meeting recently to identify what the barriers were to packaging innovation for food companies in Ireland. The barriers that were identified as well as a report on the meeting can be found on page 6.

Packaging Optimisation in Europe



While Repak continues to work with members to optimise their packaging in Ireland, other compliance schemes in Europe are carrying out similar work. Under the umbrella organisation for European compliance schemes (PRO Europe) a group has been set up to work on common packaging prevention projects across all European schemes. More details on this work can be found on page 7.

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The rx3 sponsored 'Trash-to-Cash' awards ceremony was recently held on the 6th April 2011.

Ten ideas were shortlisted to exhibit in the Science Gallery where the winning projects were presented by the Environment Minister Phil Hogan T.D.

This was followed by a 'Trash Unplugged' session where a number of experts presented including Damini Kumar, EU Ambassador for Creativity and Innovation and John Coleman, Packaging Technologist with Repak. These presentations helped demonstrate the value and

importance of using sustainable materials.

For more information relating to this event please click [here](#).

Packaging Optimisation Course

Repak and FAS have developed a Packaging Optimisation training course to help companies identify areas where their packaging can be improved and to implement strategies to reduce packaging waste. The course consists of 3 modules of 2 days duration each and covers areas such as legislative background, best practice and case studies, and where to go for help. After a long wait the course has now been approved at level 6 through FETAC and we hope to run the course in the Autumn. If you are interested in signing up, please contact Colm or John at Repak.

Further Packaging Training

For those who are interested in specific packaging training we have details on other courses such as the Certificate or Diploma in Packaging Technology and material specific or industry specific packaging training courses. For more information contact Colm at Repak.