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JOHN GALLAGHER TO CHAIR THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR IRELAND

Well known Irish businessman, John Gallagher has been appointed Chairperson of The Community Foundation for Ireland, one of Ireland's leading philanthropic organisations. He succeeds Chris Horn, CEO and co-founder of IONA Technologies who will continue to play an active role with the Foundation.

Speaking after his appointment, Tina Roche, CEO of The Community Foundation for Ireland said "We are delighted John has accepted the invitation to chair our Board. He brings a wealth of commercial experience to a Board that comprises of leading figures from the private, public and voluntary sectors. He also has a keen interest in philanthropy and the many social challenges we face in the twenty first century. John will bring fresh energy and determination on board to address these challenges, consistent with the aims and objectives of the Foundation. He recognises that the Foundation has a key role to play in responding in a direct, practical and flexible manner, while continuing to build much needed awareness and understanding of philanthropy in an Irish context."

The Community Foundation for Ireland, established in 2000, is a unique charity which supports a wide range of community and voluntary projects throughout Ireland with no geographic and few thematic constraints. It was established by Government and the business sector to provide an innovative and effective response to the emerging role of philanthropy in Ireland.

Already well established at national level, in the latest stage of its development, it has set up the first of its planned county committees – in Co. Monaghan – and other county committees will be established during 2005.

The first Community Foundation was established in the USA in 1914, and since then, over 1,100 have been established worldwide, making the Community Foundation movement one of the foremost philanthropic movements worldwide.

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