Radisson Blu among country's green hotels

Maurice Bergin, Green Hospitality, Michael Stapleton, General Manager, Radisson Blu Hotel, Galway City, and James Hogan, Green Hospitality at the event which took place in the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Golden Lane, Dublin 8.
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The Radisson Blu Hotel in Galway city is among the country's greenest hotels.

Ireland's top ten Green Hotels, as verified by The Green Hospitality Programme, were announced at the 'Responsible Tourism Conference' which took place in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Golden Lane in Dublin last week.

Based on 2013 environmental benchmark figures produced by hotels, the Green Hospitality Programme has produced its first league table listing for the Greenest Hotels in Ireland, based on what Irish hotels are doing to reduce their environmental footprint.

Benchmarks for waste, energy water and carbon footprint were considered.

In fifth place was the Radisson Blu Hotel, Galway City. The hotel is a committed Green Hospitality Member since 2008 and holds the Green Hospitality Gold Award. It rated highly in the waste, water and energy efficiency categories.

The Westport Woods Hotel, Westport, Co. Mayo, which was one of the first hotels to join the Programme in 2004, came out on top on the night. The hotel has been actively involved in reducing its environmental footprint ever since and has exceeded its goals.

The league table is the first of many initiatives to celebrate and recognise hotels that have made commendable changes to go green, and in turn make savings for their business.

James Hogan of The Green Hospitality Programme spoke of the importance of the hospitality sector going 'green'. "Green hospitality has saved our members €35,000 per annum on average, through 'no cost' and 'low cost' measures. Reducing one's environmental footprint, by reducing waste is good for business and the environment," he said.