

Evening Echo

River Lee Hotel to host free workshop on going green

EARLIER this year The River Lee Hotel was voted the Number 1 Greenest Hotel in Cork and the second greenest hotel in Ireland at the Annual Responsible Tourism Conference 2014.

On Wednesday next, November 12, they will host a free workshop with **Green Hospitality** where they will share their story and top tips for going green and in turn saving money.

The workshop entitled - Introduction to Responsible Tourism - is designed to introduce hospitality businesses to the opportunities that Responsible Tourism can deliver to the sector and ultimately save them money.

The half-day event will cover a number of topics and will run from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

In the last year alone The River Lee Hotel has saved significant savings by making some simple changes to the way they do things.

With the help and knowledge of the **Green Hospitality** team, The River Lee Hotel achieved certification by making some small changes in the way they use different elements within their business i.e. energy, water use and waste reduction etc.

The programme, operated within the hotel, follows guidelines and criteria from **Green Hospitality** and means that every employee and guest in the hotel now has the opportunity to reduce and reuse wherever possible.

The result of this ongoing campaign has enabled the River Lee Hotel to make significant savings on their operational costs.

Ruairi O Connor, General Manager of The River Lee Hotel explains the benefits they reaped since joining the **Green Hospitality** programme:

"One of our core values as a team is to bring our environmental responsibility and participation into everyday life at our business.

"Hotels can be leaders in promoting green policies for example we have our own dedicated 'Green team' that focuses on this.

"We learned a great deal while working with **Green Hospitality** and we would recommend the programme to all other operators within the hospitality sector."

To register for the free workshop or for more information about the workshop or the hotel please see www.greenhospitality.ie or email info@greenhospitality.ie.