

PRESS RELEASE

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Sodexo aims to deliver 'Food for Thought' at Inspirefest

Services company Sodexo Ireland has been announced as a sponsor of Inspirefest, the festival of technology, science, design and the arts taking place at the Bord Gais Energy Theatre in Dublin from 30 June to 1 July 2016. Like Inspirefest, Sodexo is committed to furthering diversity and inclusion in business and country president Margot Slattery will be on stage on Thursday 30th June to talk about *'Workplace Diversity and Inclusion'* as part of the core conference programme.

Sodexo is also providing the catering services and its menu for the international speakers welcome evening will showcase the very best in locally sourced Irish produce to some of the biggest names in global sci-tech whilst the delegate lunchboxes will include a range of healthy foods from Irish family-owned businesses such as Keelings, Good4U and Sprout & Co.

Margot Slattery said, *"As a people-based business, Sodexo recognises that there is a very clear business case for prioritising diversity and inclusion. This is not just applicable to our people but a commitment extending to our supply chain and over 65% of our ingredients are sourced from local Irish producers."*

"In addition, our inaugural Supply Chain Inclusion programme aimed at opening up new markets for small suppliers has resulted in two Irish family businesses, Good4U and Chilly Moo Frozen Yoghurt, being welcomed into our UK supply chain,", she continued.

Sodexo will also run a Health and Wellness Zone at the Inspirefest fringe festival in Dublin's Merrion Square with appearances by its health and wellbeing ambassador, Irish soccer international Stephanie Roche on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd July.

Margot Slattery was named Senior Leader of the Year at GLEN's inaugural Workplace Equality Index Awards in 2015; she also appears on the 2016 Out at Work/Telegraph list of Top 50 LGBT Executives and the 2015 Financial Times' list of Top 100 OUTstanding LGBT Business Leaders.

Sodexo Ireland, part of the global Sodexo Group the world's largest services company, delivers services that improve the quality of life to clients in business and industry, education, financial and healthcare. It employs approximately 2,000 staff in 200 locations across Ireland, serves 90,000 people daily and spent €21 million on local Irish food in 2015.

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About Sodexo

Sodexo in the UK and Ireland

Sodexo employs around 34,000 people, and delivers services that improve the quality of life to clients at some 1,850 locations in the corporate, healthcare, education, leisure, justice and defence sectors.

With an annual turnover of more than £1bn, Sodexo delivers a range of services ranging from catering, cleaning, reception to asset management, security, laboratory and grounds maintenance services, enabling clients to focus on their core business.

Sodexo Benefits and Rewards Services in the UK provides benefit and reward services such as SayShopping vouchers; public benefits; and employee benefits such as childcare vouchers and engagement surveys.

Sodexo Group

Founded in 1966 by Pierre Bellon, Sodexo is the global leader in services that improve Quality of Life, an essential factor in individual and organisational performance. Operating in 80 countries, Sodexo serves 75 million consumers each day through its unique combination of On-site Services, Benefits and Rewards Services and Personal and Home Services. Through its more than 100 services, Sodexo provides clients an integrated offering developed over nearly 50 years of experience: from food services, reception, maintenance and cleaning, to facilities and equipment management; from Meal Pass, Gift Pass and Mobility Pass benefits for employees to in-home assistance and concierge services. Sodexo's success and performance are founded on its independence, its sustainable business model and its ability to continuously develop and engage its 420,000 employees throughout the world.

Key figures (as of August 31, 2015)

19.8 billion euro consolidated revenues

420,000 employees

19th largest employer worldwide

80 countries

32,000 sites

75 million consumers served daily

12.6 billion euro in market capitalisation (as of November 18, 2015)