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# The Social Colum

*With Colum McCormack Crowe*



Tanya O'Sullivan, Douglas and Dara O'Shea, UCC at the official opening of the New Yorker, located at Cork International Airport Hotel.  
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Muiris O'Connell and Edward Smith enjoying the official opening of the New Yorker, with Cork Independent columnist Mary-Jane McKenna.

# Cork meets New York

Last Thursday saw more than one hundred guests including my 'social wife' Mary-Jane McKenna gather for The Cork International Airport Hotel's official opening of The New Yorker, Cork's newest bar and bistro.

The invite only social event saw the guests, made up of locals, national media, members of the business community and an ensemble of Cork glitterati gather to celebrate the opening of the new stylish bar and eatery.

A launch at a new establishment called The New Yorker wouldn't have been complete without a New York theme and guests including Lord Mayor John Buttimer and Deputy Lord Mayor Emmet O'Halloran, weren't disappointed as the evening was full of glitz and glamour, where

everyone was treated to a prosecco reception on arrival and 'Rat Pack' entertainment from 'The Lounge Men', putting even the most patriotic Corkonian in a New York state of mind!

With the transatlantic theme well under way the guests mingled, checked out the stylish décor of the hotel before executive head chef Hugh Bailey served up some of

the highlights of the new menu, which we were told would vary from week to week. The simply magnificent mouth-watering display which showcased Big Apple inspired creations including mini beef sliders, goats cheese tartlets and NY baked cheesecake were all made from an excellent array of artisan and locally produced food.

The general manger at Cork International Airport Hotel Aaron Mansworth gave a heart warming speech, where he thanked everyone for their support and said: "The local market is very important to us, and we really wanted to offer a stylish place for people in Cork to come and enjoy superb food and drink along with a great atmosphere and our renowned warm welcome".

The hotel which has recently been taken over by new owners, seeing an investment of over half a million euros and they have promised that The New Yorker is only the latest in a series of new developments and offerings at the hotel.

In attendance and enjoying what the evening had to offer were Eimear O'Mullane, Deborah Barrett and Imelda Mulcahy from Cork Chamber. Lucy O'Donoghue from Lucy O'Donoghue Consulting, Cameo consultants Lorraine Kelleher and Dominic Kelly as well as David O'Sullivan from 96FM also showed up to lend their support. Marianne O'Sullivan and Sylvia Gash from the Farmer's Cross ladies club were also there on the night telling us that they're no strangers to the hotel as they meet there on the second Thursday of the month. Mary O'Sullivan from Bantry based O'Sullivan's Travel, Edward Smith and

Muiris O'Connell from Dublin's Suburbia Magazine all made the trip to Cork for the event.

The evening was rounded off with delicious New York Berry cocktails, (which definitely had a taste of more to them) to the sound of George Harrington on piano, before goodie bags including vouchers for the bistro and the Kilkenny Group, a big green apple and a New York cupcake were handed out. The only thing that was missing at the evening event was an actual flight to New York itself... but you can't have everything! And after a very enjoyable night, we had to settle for a cab ride home instead.

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Aaron Mansworth, general manager and Lord Mayor Clr John Buttimer



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