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Dublin North tops for employment & most upwardly mobile addresses – Kennedy

FIANNA FAIL'S Dublin North Deputy Michael Kennedy has welcomed new figures which reveal that Portmarnock, Malahide and Donabate have the highest concentration of country's top jobs, whilst employment in Swords, Rush and Balbriggan booms.

Deputy Kennedy said: "New figures from the CSO have shown that workers in the some of the region's larger towns boast the country's top jobs with up to 40 per cent in Portmarnock, Malahide and Donabate employed as top managers and higher professionals, across two employment categories."

"A huge proportion of residents in both Malahide and Portmarnock are in the top socio-economic category, with 31.2 per cent of workers in Malahide represented in the "Clerical, Managing and Government" workers category."

"Portmarnock scored almost as highly with 29.9 per cent of residents employed in the same category. Donabate also fared well; 28.6 per cent of workers living there appeared in the same occupational grouping."

Deputy Kennedy concluded: "It's worth pointing out that these towns were well above average in their representation, with the national average of workers who are top professionals remaining at just over 17 per cent."

"Malahide also has the highest proportion of population classified as being in the "Employers, Managers and Higher Professionals" category, with Portmarnock forth in line with a 34.7 percentage."

“Further figures revealed that there are 130,816 people over the age of 15 and in full time employment across the entire Fingal area, illustrating our region’s employability and making it one of the most attractive areas in the country for employers.”

“Over 26,000 of these workers are based in Swords, with nearly 5,500 of these falling into the “Employers, Manager and Higher Professionals” and “Clerical, Managing and Government” categories – making it a hub of high-level employment in Dublin North, a factor likely to be emphasised with the arrival of the Metro North project.”

“In excess of 11,800 employees are based in Balbriggan, with nearly 2000 employed in both categories; with a further 7,300 workers based in Skerries.”

“Over 6,300 employees over the age of 15 are based in Rush, with over 1,000 of them falling into the two high income categories.

“It’s clear that these figures once again demonstrate the flourishing communities that exist in North County Dublin, which is now reaping the rewards of having a young, educated and upwardly mobile population,” concluded Michael Kennedy.

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