

L-R: Ian Crowe, Secretary of CCI; Odhran Dunne, Chief Executive of Visit Derry; Des Rainey, "Ambassador of the Year", & Gregory McCann, President of Londonderry Chamber of Commerce

## VISIT DERRY AMBASSADOR'S AWARD

"Our Ambassador Circle generates over £2million for the local economy each year and we are delighted to celebrate their outstanding efforts, commitment and passion. We hope that their achievement will inspire others to play their part and consider hosting regional, national and international conferences and events in the city and district over the coming years."

The 2024 winner of Ambassador of the Year is Mr Des Rainey, Teacher (Rtd) and Former President of the Irish National Teachers Organisation.

Des, a native of Derry, has dedicated his life to Education. He is a stand out example of what can be achieved through the Ambassador Circle and was instrumental in securing the INTO Congress in April 2024.

The Congress, which was the largest ever conference to take place in the City, attracted over 1200 Delegates, guests and exhibitors to the city over 3 nights and was worth an estimated £1.5m to our City.

