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Shop Local Gift Vouchers - the ideal Father's Day present

Looking for the perfect Gift for Father's Day? Then look no further - **Shop Local Gift Vouchers** are the ideal gift. With Father's Day just around the corner this Gift Voucher gives you the gift of choice and all the time keeping money local. They can be redeemed in Gyms, Clothes Shops, Restaurants, Golf Clubs, Electrical shops and much more. If you log on to <http://www.dundalk.ie/vouchers> you will see the fantastic selection of just under 200 shops and businesses who accept these.

Launched only a year ago, President of Dundalk Chamber of Commerce Michael Gaynor is delighted with the success of the Shop Local Gift Vouchers to date. *"With just under €250,000 sold to date in our first year they have been a resounding success. These vouchers help to keep money in the local economy and help protect local jobs- where family and friends are employed."*

Not only does Michael want members of the public to buy these vouchers for their loved ones on special occasions, but he would also encourage local companies to buy these vouchers for their staff as Christmas Bonuses or Performance Bonuses throughout the year as they can save 56% on staff rewards by giving employees a Shop Local Gift Voucher instead of cash. Companies can reward their staff with a €500 tax free payment as you are entitled to give one each and every year under the Small Benefits Exemption Scheme. The Company Directors and Employees can receive a non-cash bonus of up to €500 in value on a completely tax free basis each year.

As the payment must be in a non-cash form, the most common way to avail of this scheme is by purchasing gift vouchers. By buying the "Shop Local Gift Vouchers" not only can you save money by taking advantage of the Government Small Benefit Exemption Scheme but it is also a fully deductible business expense for your company. If you haven't availed of the Small Benefit Exemption Scheme so far in 2016, Michael you encourage you do so before 31st December and use Shop Local Gift Vouchers for this.

The vouchers are valid for two years and come in denominations of €10, €20 and €50 notes. Michael reiterated that there is no commission on this voucher –€100 is worth €100 and costs €100 to buy. The "Shop Local Gift Vouchers" are available to purchase online on <http://www.dundalk.ie/vouchers> or directly from the Dundalk Chamber Offices Unit 4 Partnership Court Park St. Dundalk (across the rd. from Dundalk Lighting) or by calling Tel: 042 9336343 or email accounts@dundalk.ie

They can also be bought in Grants in Dublin St., Cuchulainn Credit Union, Central News Clanbrassil St., McCuskers Newsagents in Earl St. Dundalk, Centra in Blackrock, Finnegan's in Louth village, Sheelan's Riverstown, McCrystal's in Jenkinstown, Valentines XL Carlingford and Victory's Centra in Dunleer.