

The ideal office solution

Finding the appropriate office space in terms of size and location is a daunting task that can involve long leases, an extensive office fit out, IT infrastructure and dealing with an array of utility companies.

There is an alternative option whereby companies can "out-source" their property, IT and facility management to a business centre operator based on flexible terms. The offices are fully serviced and enable companies to concentrate on their core business.

One of the major benefits for a company in a serviced office is that no effort is required in terms of installing crucial features such as IT,

furniture and fittings or the need to consider the office space required for meeting rooms or indeed the company's future space requirements. As a total solution, a serviced office can provide a full range of options, tailored to suit both the requirements and budget of a company.

Taking me on a tour of the facilities provided by Glandore Business Centres, Sales and Marketing Manager, Dervla O'Flaherty described

why companies are opting for serviced office space.

"The founder of Glandore, Michael Kelly, saw there was an opportunity for high specification serviced offices, with leading edge IT provision, and excellent facilities in prime locations, when he launched the company in 2001.

"We are definitely at the high end in terms of our prestigious buildings, IT services, office suite design and layout. A professional three person reception team deals with visitors, and handles the calls for companies based here, as well as on site IT support ready to assist"

In addition to providing office space, Glandore also provides full

conferencing (up to 160 delegates), available to both existing tenants and external companies at its location in Fitzwilliam Hall in Dublin and Arthur House in Belfast.

Providing business-critical solutions, such as a secure data centre, fast broadband access and full IT support is a major attraction for companies looking to minimise costs. In addition to the practical aspects of work, using such facilities also provides companies (depending on the provider they use) with a professional front office service included in the overall costs of renting the office.

Another major benefit is that companies of almost any description can move into premises and be up-and-running almost immediately, ensuring smooth continuation of business.

"We have a variety of clients," says O'Flaherty, "from multinationals looking for an efficient way to establish themselves with a prestigious address in Ireland, to start-ups wanting to reduce overheads as much as possible. Our clients include companies from a variety of sectors, such as finance, insurance, law, telecommunications, and property."

In line with current market trends for outsourcing non core activities, the office is another business process that can be outsourced. The major benefits for those organisations availing of such services is that they can enjoy the full range of office facilities without the commitment to providing or maintaining them.

Office and facilities management is a major aspect of any organisation's activity. Using a serviced office solution provides a simple way for a company to enjoy a complete range of options, without the headache of having to actually provide them.



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