

nearForm Announces 100 New Jobs At Official Opening



Mayor of Waterford City & County Council Cllr James Tobin cuts the ribbon at nearForm.

100 new tech jobs were announced last week for County Waterford in a major boost for the area as three-year-old Irish technology company nearForm officially opened its new headquarters in Tramore.

The announcement was made by nearForm co-founders, chief executive officer (CEO) Cian Ó Maidín and chief technology officer (CTO) Richard Rodger. Speaking at the launch of the new offices, Cian said, "It's a really proud day for us to announce these high-end jobs for Tramore. We were strongly urged by many parties to relocate to the U.S. We chose to stay here and build our company in a place where we wanted to raise our families. Our growth to 35 staff over the last three years has vindicated this decision. We look forward to growing in Tramore and hiring local and international expertise to share in our journey."

Ó Maidín and Rodger started the company in Waterford in 2011, when they were among the first in the world to identify the beginnings of a new era in internet technology that would revolutionise the way business is done online. Richard said, "The key elements of the technology that we specialise in are Node.js and microservices. These technologies empower teams of software programmers to build faster, more stable, more versatile business platforms for large enterprises. nearForm has established itself as a global expert in driving the adoption of these Silicon Valley technologies by large enterprises."

Officially opening nearForm's new headquarters, Terence O'Rourke, Chairman of the Board of Enterprise Ireland, said: "A priority for Enterprise Ireland is to support entrepreneurship across the regions and develop strong, export focused, ambitious Irish companies that can win new business and jobs for Ireland. nearForm is an exemplar of the type of company we want to work with: they are innovative, ambitious and determined, and their rapid success to date is highly commendable. I congratulate Cian, Richard and their staff and wish them even greater success over the coming years as they grow to the next level".

Terence also said he hoped that they at nearForm would add another 100 in a few years' time. He described it as a crown jewel start up firm with great potential. He also liked their ambition to get in the big league in exporting software services. Ireland's Glanbia are world champions in food. As the milk quota ends, now there is great opportunity in this new type of Node software. They are a role model for others. El helped them in USA and in management development.