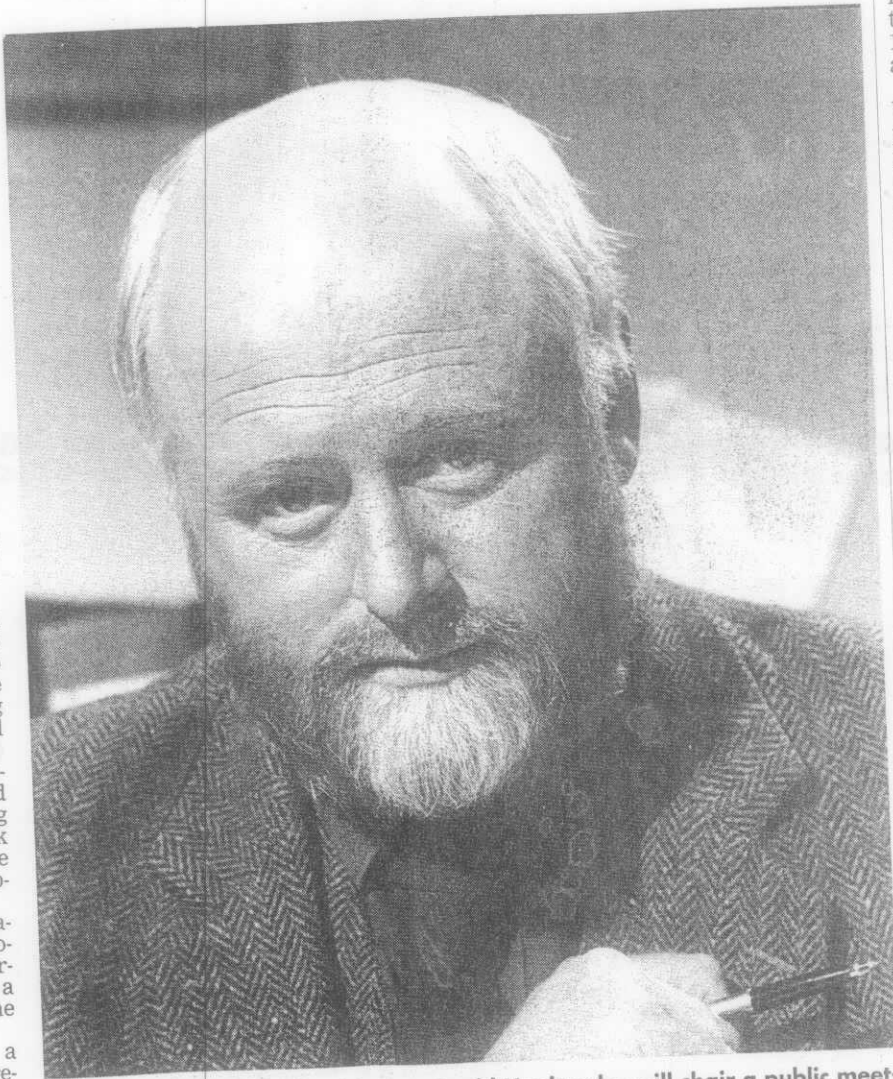


# Limerickman Hanly leads call for new arts centre

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RTE broadcaster and Limerick man David Hanly who will chair a public meeting in Jurys Hotel on Saturday, November 24, for an Arts, Trade and Commerce Centre in the city

RTE broadcaster and Limerick man David Hanly has given his support to launch a campaign to provide the city with a new home for the arts.

The Morning Ireland presenter will chair a public meeting in Jurys Hotel on Saturday, November 24, to launch the campaign for the establishment of an Arts, Trade and Commerce Centre in the city.

The organisers of the meeting are launching the campaign in response to the Belltable Arts Centre's closure next year when its lease runs out on the credit union hall.

Limerick Corporation had previously planned to relocate the Belltable to Arthur's Quay, but were unsuccessful in securing European Access Capital funding for the venture.

The campaign for Limerick's Arts, Trade and Commerce Centre is being spearheaded by Limerick Chamber of Commerce president David O'Mahony.

According to Mr O'Mahony the campaign to provide this centre for Limerick is vital in making it a major focal point for the city.

"Limerick needs a building that will represent civic pride and will facilitate many of the services that we are unable to provide in the city.

"There has been too much focus on an arts only centre for the city in the last two or three years. This new centre is a very viable proposition and it would be a good marriage benefiting the business, trade and arts sectors," said Mr O'Mahony.

"At the moment there

isn't a focal point in Limerick and the Arts, Trade and Commerce Centre would be a major focal point for the heart of our vibrant city. This project will pull all the elements together and will be something to transcend all barriers," he said.

The organisers of the public forum are confident the meeting will gear the region's key stakeholders into developing a sustained campaign which will attract resources to promote the establishment of the centre by 2003.

This public forum comes at a crucial time as 60 seats were removed from the balcony in the Belltable this week.

The meeting to launch the campaign for Limerick's Arts, Trade and Commerce Centre will take from 11am to 1pm.

A cleaner, greener city on the way!

THE Cleaner Greener Production Programme roadshow will bring a breath of fresh air to Limerick when it visits this Friday, writes Alan Jacques.

The programme funded by the Environmental Protection Agency offers grant aid to selected businesses that seek to improve their environmental performance and are willing to publicise their results.

The seminar-based roadshow will be at the Limerick Ryan Hotel this Friday from 10am to 12.30pm to inform people about the programme.

According to Helen Walsh of the EPA the programme includes projects as diverse as reducing the use of hazardous materials or packaging waste to substituting water-based for solvent-based paints.

"Introducing cleaner greener production methods bring benefits far beyond the obvious environmental improvements.

"It has been shown that the introduction of more environmentally aware operating techniques can increase efficiency, profits, strengthen the skill base and satisfy current and future legal requirements," said Ms Walsh.

"It's all about reducing the generation of pollution. The programme offers financial support to improve environmental performance with the added potential of improved profits, efficiency, employee morale, risk management and public image," she said.

## Auditions

ADULT auditions for the Belltable / Centre Stage pantomime, Cinderella, take place this Saturday at 4pm in the drama studio in Mary Immaculate College.

## Ranks Mass

THE annual Mass for the deceased members Ranks will be held on this Sunday at 12 noon in the Franciscan Church.

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