

## **DPD to create 120 jobs in €2m expansion**

### **Parcel delivery company [DPD Ireland](#) is to create 120 new jobs – 60 in Athlone and the rest nationwide – as part of a €2m expansion.**

The company aims to significantly scale up its Irish operations by increasing its sorting capacity in Athlone and boosting staff numbers in the country from 1,720 to 1,840 employees.

DPD Ireland said that the expansion comes on the back of sustained growth in its business in Ireland.

This is a further expansion of the Athlone facility, which was originally opened in 2006, and was extended in 2017. It has increased capacity by 20pc ensuring that DPD Ireland is fully equipped to manage their ever-increasing parcel volume, even in their busiest peak period, and for the foreseeable.

Over the peak period, DPD Ireland will see upwards of 170,000 parcels processed per day throughout its network of 34 Irish depots. A total of 21,000 parcels will be sorted per hour, versus the regular non-peak parcel volumes of 14,000 per hour.

## **The digital transformation of Irish business**

“We are on track to deliver 22m parcels this year, up from 19m last year, and boosting our team will allow us to scale up faster,” said Des Travers, CEO of DPD Ireland.

“Irish retailers are continuing to improve their online presence, offering consumers a better choice, and as a result, deliveries are up and our turnover is expected to be €100m.”

The new roles consist of drivers, sortation staff in the regional networks, night staff at the Athlone hub and admin staff throughout the country, with recruitment for the new jobs to begin immediately.

“This is a very significant announcement of new jobs not only in Athlone and the Midlands region, but nationwide,” the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation Heather Humphreys, TD, said.

“Through my Department’s Regional Enterprise Plans, and the productive collaboration that they are supporting in the Midlands and beyond, my aim is to further enhance the potential for regional enterprise growth. As chair of the Retail Consultation Forum, I am especially keen that retailers all over Ireland are positioned to take advantage of the digital transformation in that sector. This offers huge potential for growth, as DPD’s announcement demonstrates.”

DPD Ireland is part of DPDgroup – the second largest international parcel delivery network in Europe. DPDgroup is the parcel delivery network Le Groupe La Poste subsidiary GeoPost, which posted sales of €7.3bn in 2018.

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