



JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
BUSINESS HALL OF FAME

LIAM DOLAN

VISIONARY CHEF AND RESTAURANT ENTREPRENEUR

Liam Dolan immigrated to PEI in 1978, following his brother Tony who was working as a chef at the Charlottetown Hotel. Once on the Island, circumstances changed his course. Tony had an accident that prevented him from working for a long period of time, and Liam became the hotel's chef. He fell in love not only with the Island's beautiful scenery, sandy beaches, quaint architecture and friendly people, but also with Kim MacLeod, the Charlottetown girl who would become his business partner and later, his wife.

After gaining experience in food and beverage management, Liam opened the Claddagh Oyster House in 1983, The Olde Dublin Pub in 1985, and in 1994 became a partner of Peakes Quay on the beautiful city waterfront.

Liam is a tireless promoter of the PEI tourism industry with his greatest contribution being the creation of the annual International Shellfish Festival in 1996. It is one of the largest food festivals in the country, which attracts seafood aficionados and media to PEI from around the world.

He has been a member of the Restaurant Canada Board of Directors since 2001 and in 2014 was chosen to lead the 30,000 strong organization. In addition, he represented Canada on the American Restaurant Association from 2015-2017, is a Director of the Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association, the PEI Chefs Association, as well as a member of the Board of Directors for Tourism PEI.

The Junior Achievement PEI proudly welcomes Liam Dolan to the PEI Business Hall of Fame.