

'Soul woman' Molly is talking her way to the top!

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A PORTLAW woman who is making major strides in the US providing training lectures to massive corporations like McDonalds, is to address a United Nations gathering of future world leaders in the coming months.

Molly Harvey (40) is not yet known in Ireland but all that looks set to change shortly as she prepares for possibly the most important lecture of her life...and in October becomes the first lady President of the Professional Speakers' Association of Europe.

Daughter of Peggy Brophy, Beechwood Grove, Portlaw, and the late Bernie Walsh, Molly, who left Portlaw in her late teens, has spent the last 20 years building up a successful business training organisation in Liverpool from where she has also penned two books.

But while her company MHA continues to grow, Molly has branched out into a new field which is now taking the corporate world, including in the US, by storm.

A firm believer in the spiritual, Molly has honed in on bringing these two very different aspects of her personality together...and is now doing keynote speaking in the US and UK on how nurturing the soul and the spiritual side of people can improve their leadership performance.

"The idea has really caught on and in America where I've been spending a lot of time giving talks to some of the big corporations like McDonalds, I'm now known as the Soul Woman," said Molly, who is in Ireland this week as keynote speaker at a Professional Speakers of Ireland Association event in Dublin.

"I suppose the most exciting thing of all is that the concept has caught the attention of the United Nations and I've been invited to address a group of 20 people aged 18 to 35 who are being groomed as world leaders of tomorrow."



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"That's due to happen early next year and it is a very exciting prospect without a doubt. The demand for what I do is now so great that I've also plans well advanced to open two 'soul schools' in the US and UK within the next year."

"I'm currently working with Dr. Jean Houston, who counts Hilary Clinton amongst her admirers and also Jack Canfield, who is author of the famous Chicken Soup books, who are both fantastic, talented people. So it is all happening for me now, even in the line of television and radio appearances, so fingers' crossed, I'll continue to do well!"

As an author, Molly has also had great success. Her book 'The Little Blue Flame' became a best-seller and exceeded all expectations. Her third book 'The Cynic and The Soul' is out early next year.

A gifted storyteller, Molly says she uses many of her experiences from growing up in Co. Waterford to help her in the course of her work.

"I was interested in the soul and the spiritual since I was a young girl growing up in Curraghmore which is a fantastic, gorgeous place," said Molly.

"I get home to visit about once a year (her brother James and sister Anna are also at home) and I absolutely love the opportunity to come back. My roots are still very much in Portlaw and so the place will always be very important to me."