

## ::: Vouching for business as one thousand firms avail of research initiative



**MARKING** the milestone today of 1,000 Innovation Vouchers to be used by Irish small and medium businesses to carry out research, was Minister for

Science, Technology and Innovation **Conor Lenihan**, (back right) and **Tom Wright**, director of **Cúltec**, a small company that worked with

**Athlone IT** to develop a synthetic alternative to the traditional ash hurley. Pictured demonstrating the hurleys were **Aoife Grehan**, wearing the

**Kilkenny** colours, and **Siobhan Kenny**, wearing the **Tipperary** colours. So far, more than 1,000 small Irish firms have used the government vouchers, worth

**€5,000**, which allow them to link with college researchers to solve business and technical problems.

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