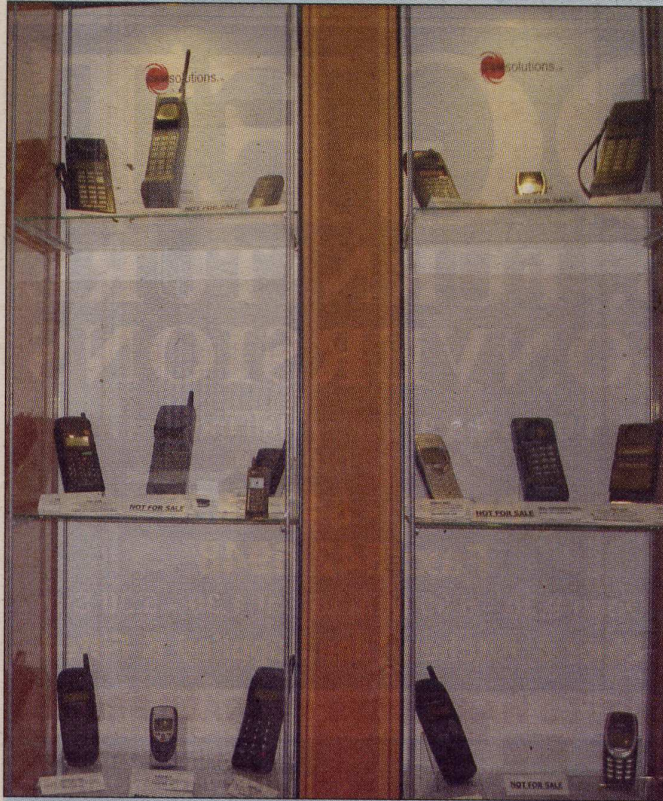


New Museum Opens for the Tech Minded

The initial concept for the 'Mobile Phone Museum' was first realised about 1999. Since then the bulk of the collection has been donated by members of the public, the GSM Ireland Group, and various mobile phone companies over the years. They collected dust away from peering eyes of the public until they were first displayed. The museum officially launched on January 9th 2010. Some of the rare older models from the early 80's have been purchased from auctions around the world in anticipation for the museum opening.



"We are open to the public 6 days a week and experienced staff who work in the mobile phone industry are

always at hand to answer any queries you may have. So whether online or in person, I hope our experience is engaging

and inspiring", says Alan Donohoe, Curator of the MobilePhoneMuseum.ie. The phones on display aim to show the contrast

between some of today's modern masterpieces of technology and the older groundbreaking models such as the Motorola DynaTac released in 1983, the world's first mobile phone! Which was purchased for the collection in 2008 for a princely sum, and believe it or not, it's in mint condition and still works perfectly - It sits right next to the iconic Apple iPhone (which ironically has broken). They have the world's smallest phone, the world's first phone with bluetooth, the world's first phone with vibrate function, not forgetting the amazing mobile phone watch....and many many more!

"Mobile phones have been with us for less than 30 years, but already the early models have achieved cult status. Our intent is to 'inspire a passion for mobile phone technology' Rather than let them collect dust in an attic we thought it might be nice to display the collection for the public, so we opened the premises on Abbey Street in the heart of Dublin city. We have the world's first handheld mobile phone, known as the 'brick'. It is a must see! Says Alan.

The Museum seeks to make the collection accessible through an intensive programme of short and long term loans to qualified museums, education, and research institutions for research, exhibition, replication, and educational programs in Ireland. Donations of old phones are vital to continue the development of the Mobile Phone Museum, and are gratefully accepted. However, some phones may not be deemed suitable for the museum, if so, these phones will be forwarded to The Jack and Jill Children's Charity Foundation who can recycle your old phone. The Mobile Phone Museum is located in 6 & 7 Upper Abbey Street.

