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# **SCHEDULE**

**4:30PM**

**CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION**

**5:30PM**

**SEATING & AWARDS CEREMONY**

**11:20PM**

**RE-LIVE THE AWARDS CEREMONY  
BROADCAST ON RTÉ**



# WELCOME

***WE ARE DELIGHTED  
YOU ARE WITH US FOR THE  
2021 EY ENTREPRENEUR OF  
THE YEAR™ AWARDS.***





## **Roger Wallace**

Partner Lead,  
EOY programme



**OVER THE PAST 24 YEARS, THE EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™ (EOY) PROGRAMME HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO DRIVING, INSPIRING AND CELEBRATING ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACROSS THE ISLAND OF IRELAND.**

Tonight, we come together to celebrate a group of extraordinary people. As we collectively redouble our efforts to meet the challenges of COVID-19, of the sustainability of our planet and of the wellbeing and equitable prosperity of our society, we see the very best of Irish entrepreneurship stand up and lead the way.

Up until recent weeks, we looked forward to acclaiming in-person our outstanding 2021 Finalists and their fellow EOY Alumni - the hundreds of amazing entrepreneurs who are the heartbeat of not only the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ programme but also their businesses and their communities for their huge resilience and ability in leading our indigenous business sector over the past 18 months in particular.



It is important that we don't let Covid deflect us from giving our Class of 2021 and Alumni the acclaim and respect that they richly deserve, and tonight is about that above all else.

Even more than other years, I invite our clients and guests to take inspiration from our Finalists and Alumni's journeys and keep the 'Unstoppables' sentiment in your businesses over the coming months.

As our 2021 Finalists began their EOY journeys in a cold January lockdown, the obstacles of the pandemic were very much still present, but together we have strived to bring them into our unique network of entrepreneurs and give them the true spirit of EOY. It has been a pleasure to welcome this year's finalists and understand a little bit of what makes them a truly special group of individuals. Please join us in celebrating the incredible stories behind each and every one of this year's Finalists as we announce the winner of the 2021 EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™.

## Roger Wallace

Partner Lead, EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ programme

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# ***ABOUT THE EOY PROGRAMME***

**THE EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™ PROGRAMME PASSIONATELY BELIEVES IN PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACROSS THE ISLAND OF IRELAND AND EMPOWERING ENTREPRENEURS TO GROW THEIR BUSINESSES IN IRELAND, NORTHERN IRELAND AND AROUND THE WORLD.**

The EOY programme not only ensures national and international recognition for successful finalists and alumni, but also provides an invaluable network and business development opportunity within a growing, 560 strong EOY Alumni community.

## **THE UNSTOPPABLES:**

Humanity is capable of great things. But to build something of long-term value takes grit, persistence, and a sense of ambition that's free of doubt or fear. It takes a special kind of leader to ignore the critics and transform a blue-sky dream into a new reality that contributes value and purpose beyond simple profits.

We call these entrepreneurs The Unstoppables - those whose unbounded ambitions deliver innovation, growth, and prosperity that transform our world.



**Frank O'Keeffe**  
Managing Partner  
EY Ireland

**WELCOME TO THE 24TH ANNUAL EY  
ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™ AWARDS,  
ONE OF THE MOST SPECIAL NIGHTS IN THE  
IRISH BUSINESS CALENDAR.**

Twelve months ago we held our first ever virtual EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ awards ceremony and what an incredibly exciting night it was as we announced Nicola Mitchell of Life Scientific as our overall EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ for 2020.

This year we are thrilled to be able to carefully host a small in person ceremony with our Finalists, judges and Government Ministers while welcoming thousands more friends, EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ Alumni and EY colleagues virtually to join us for this special event.



Tonight is a night to celebrate all of our incredible 2021 Finalists and the importance of entrepreneurship across the island of Ireland.

Over the past 20 months entrepreneurs have displayed remarkable agility and resilience in the face of a once in a generation event. Their commitment and determination to continue to provide employment and opportunity for people right across this island in the most difficult of times has been remarkable. Entrepreneurs truly are the life blood of our economy.

As EY Managing Partner, I am exceptionally proud of our support for entrepreneurship across our Island of Ireland over the past 24 years. It is such a privilege for us to acclaim and support this incredible community of value creators and change agents. Their courage and bravery inspires us every day.

I know that our brilliant 2021 Finalists along with our EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ Alumni will continue to play a central role in driving the recovery and growth of our islands economies in the years ahead.

I wish all of our 2021 Finalists the very best of luck this evening. You truly are unstoppable!

**Frank O'Keefe**

**Managing Partner, EY Ireland**

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# ABOUT EY

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# **SPECIAL AWARD**

**THE SPECIAL AWARD IS PRESENTED EACH YEAR TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS USED THEIR IMAGINATION AND ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT TO BENEFIT IRELAND AS A WHOLE. THEY ARE TRUE VISIONARIES WHO HAVE CHALLENGED THE STATUS QUO AND PUSHED BOUNDARIES TO BUILD A BETTER WORKING WORLD FOR ALL THOSE AROUND THEM.**

Last year, Paul Reid, Chief Executive of the Health Service Executive and Drew Harris, Commissioner of An Garda Síochána received the award on behalf of their exceptional teams and all frontline workers for their contribution in the fight against COVID-19.

2020 was an incredibly tough year for all but we wouldn't be in the position we are now without the incredible work done by our healthcare workers and members of An Garda Síochána. They demonstrated their incredible hard work and professionalism to look after the most vulnerable people in our society and we owe them a debt of gratitude for this.

Tonight, we celebrate an inspiring individual and recognise their contribution and immense efforts to climate justice and human rights, both nationally and internationally. We look forward to highlighting the incredible achievements of our 2021 Special Award winner this evening.



# ***JUDGING PANEL***

**WITH 23 INSPIRING FINALISTS IN OUR 2021 EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™ PROGRAMME, THE JOB OF CHOOSING TONIGHT'S WINNERS IS HARDER THAN EVER.**

That challenging task has been given to our extremely distinguished judging panel, chaired by 2006 EY Entrepreneur of the Year™ winner, Anne Heraty.

Our judging panel consists of 10 former category and overall winners, alongside representatives from two of our island's economic development agencies & programme sponsors, Invest Northern Ireland, and Enterprise Ireland.

All of our judges have been tremendously committed to the judging process over the past year, and their tireless efforts have ensured that tonight's winners are truly deserving of the title of EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ 2021.



# JUDGING PANEL



**ANNE  
HERATY**  
CPL Resources Plc  
**CHAIRPERSON**



**MICHAEL CAREY**  
The Company of Food/  
East Coast Bakehouse



**DENIS  
O'BRIEN**  
Digicel Group



**JOE  
HOGAN**  
Openet



**JENNY  
MELIA**  
Enterprise Ireland



**RICHARD  
KENNEDY**  
Devenish



**ED  
HARTY**  
Innovalogix



**EVELYN  
O'TOOLE**  
CLS



**JEREMY  
FITCH**  
Invest Northern  
Ireland



**HARRY HUGHES**  
Portwest



**JERRY  
KENNELLY**  
Tweak



**MARK  
RODEN**  
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 [juliusbaer.com](https://www.juliusbaer.com)

 [@juliusbaer](https://twitter.com/juliusbaer)

 [Julius Baer](https://www.linkedin.com/company/juliusbaer)



## GOVERNMENT AGENCY PARTNERS



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Invest Northern Ireland is the region's business development agency. It helps new and existing businesses to create jobs, innovate and grow their exports, while attracting new investment to grow the local economy. Invest Northern Ireland has been part of the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ since day one and have provided an incredible amount of support throughout the years.

Thank you, Invest Northern Ireland and **Jeremy Fitch**, for your continued involvement and support for the programme.



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Invest Northern Ireland



[enterpriseireland.com](http://enterpriseireland.com)

Enterprise Ireland is the Irish government organisation responsible for the development and growth of Irish enterprises. Through partnerships, Enterprise Ireland helps Irish companies to start, grow, innovate and scale internationally in global markets. Since the very beginning, Enterprise Ireland has been an amazing supporter of the programme and has made a huge contribution over the years.

Special thanks to Enterprise Ireland's **Jennifer Melia**, Manager of the High Potential Start Up Division for her involvement during the year.



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# THE IRISH TIMES



[irishtimes.com](http://irishtimes.com)

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[The Irish Times](https://www.linkedin.com/company/the-irish-times)



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 [rte.ie](https://www.rte.ie)

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RTÉ has developed a strong relationship with the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ programme and delivered valuable support over the years.



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# ***FINALISTS 2021***



# ***EMERGING***

Diarmuid McSweeney & Niall Horgan  
***Gym+Coffee***

Lisa & Vanessa Creaven  
***Spotlight Oral Care***

Aimee Connolly  
***Sculpted By Aimee***

Chupi Sweetman  
***Chupi***

Roisin Molloy  
***TriMedika Ltd***

James & Conor McCarthy  
***Flipdish***

Xuemei Germaine  
***MicroGen BioTech***

John Browne  
***Kastus***



# **INDUSTRY**

David Henderson  
***Tobermore Concrete Limited***

Dominic Walsh  
***HSL - Hospital Services Limited***

Brody Sweeney  
***Camile Thai Group***

Joseph Doherty  
***Re-Gen Waste***

Fergus Naughton  
***ROSS Engineering Services Limited***

Oonagh O'Hagan  
***Meaghers Pharmacy***

Michael McKinney  
***Inishowen Engineering Manufacturing Ltd***

Jim Darragh  
***Totalmobile***



# ***INTERNATIONAL***

Brian O'Sullivan  
***Zeus Packaging***

Peter Foley  
***LetsGetChecked***

Michael Burke  
***Chanelle Pharma Unlimited Company***

Colin Lynch  
***Electronic Product Services Limited***

Karl McHugh  
***Atlantic Dawn Unlimited Company***

Kevin Brennan  
***Modubuild Ltd***

Brian & Jackie Reid  
***Deli Lites (Ireland) Ltd***



# **EMME**

## **EMERGING**

### **2021 Finalists**

The Emerging category nominees run businesses that have been trading for a minimum of two years.

They are high-potential, dynamic, resourceful and the 'ones-to-watch' for the future.



## Diarmuid McSweeney & Niall Horgan

### Gym+Coffee

Niall Horgan & Diarmuid McSweeney are the CEO & CMO and Co-Founders of direct-to-consumer athleisure clothing brand Gym+Coffee. Founded, headquartered and operated from Dublin, in the last 4 years, Gym+Coffee has scaled to over 150 team members, a best-in-class e-commerce website, 10 physical retail stores across Ireland and the UK, and has built a passionate community of over 450,000 around the brand.

**Location: Dublin**

 [gympluscoffee.com](https://gympluscoffee.com)

 [gympluscoffee](https://www.linkedin.com/company/gympluscoffee)

 [@gympluscoffee](https://twitter.com/gympluscoffee)





# Lisa & Vanessa Creaven

## Spotlight Oral Care

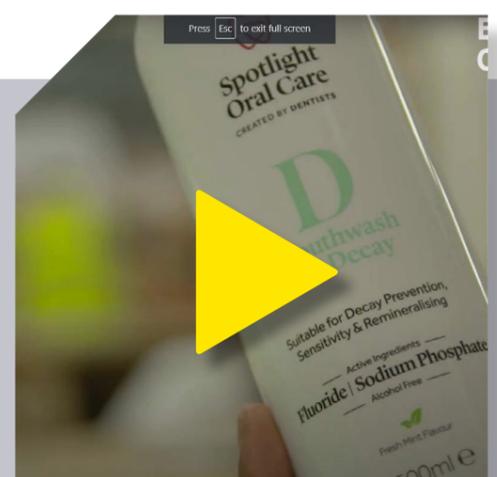
Drs. Lisa & Vanessa Creaven are the Co-Founders of Spotlight Oral Care which is the world's first oral care brand with clinically active ingredients, free of any questionable additives in fully sustainable packaging which is available across Ireland, the UK and the US.

**Location: Galway**

 [spotlightoralcare.com](https://spotlightoralcare.com)

 [spotlight-oral-care](https://www.linkedin.com/company/spotlight-oral-care)

 [@spotlight\\_ocare](https://twitter.com/spotlight_ocare)





# Aimee Connolly

## **Sculpted By Aimee**

Aimee Connolly is the Founder & CEO of Sculpted By Aimee. The award-winning company is one of Ireland's fastest-growing beauty brands, with the range increasing from one product to over 70 since it launched in 2017.

**Location: Dublin**

 [sculptedbyaimee.com](https://sculptedbyaimee.com)

 [sculpted-by-aimee](https://www.linkedin.com/company/sculpted-by-aimee)

 [@SculptedByAimee](https://twitter.com/SculptedByAimee)





# Chupi Sweetman

## Chupi

Chupi Sweetman is the Co-Founder & CEO of Chupi. A marriage of technology and storytelling, the multi-award winning luxury jewellery brand is internationally adored. Exporting to 71 countries, with a team of 60+, offices in London & Dublin and a quarter of a million fans, the future is bright.

**Location: Dublin**

 [chupi.com](https://chupi.com)

 [chupi](https://www.linkedin.com/company/chupi)

 [@ChupiJewelry](https://twitter.com/ChupiJewelry)





# Roisin Molloy

## TriMedika Ltd

Roisin is CEO of TriMedika, an innovative medical technology company that provides the most accurate clinical devices for thousands of hospitals worldwide. They help improve vital patient care with technology that safeguards patients and carers.

**Location: Belfast**

 [trimedika.com](https://trimedika.com)

 [trimedika-limited](https://www.linkedin.com/company/trimedika-limited)

 [@TriMedika\\_Ltd](https://twitter.com/TriMedika_Ltd)





# James & Conor McCarthy

## Flipdish

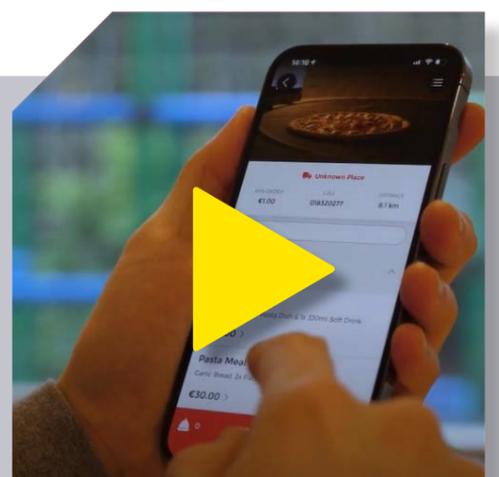
James and Conor McCarthy are the Co-Founders of Flipdish, a world leader in e-commerce solutions for the hospitality sector offering websites, apps, QR code table ordering, in-store kiosks, and managed marketing services.

**Location: Dublin**

 [flipdish.com](https://flipdish.com)

 [flipdish](https://www.linkedin.com/company/flipdish)

 [@flipdish](https://twitter.com/flipdish)





# Xuemei Germaine

## MicroGen BioTech

Xuemei is the Founder and CEO of MicroGen BioTech, providing the only viable solution to block the uptake of heavy metals by food crops, to improve food safety, enhance crop quality and increase yields. MicroGen is headquartered in Carlow with subsidiary in China.

**Location: Carlow**

 [microgenbiotech.com](https://microgenbiotech.com)

 [Lxuemei-germaine-b3a37547](https://www.linkedin.com/company/lxuemei-germaine-b3a37547)

 [@xuemeigermaine](https://twitter.com/xuemeigermaine)





# John Browne

## Kastus

John Browne founded Kastus in 2015. Kastus's unique, patented antimicrobial technology is factory applied to glass. Using light and moisture, Kastus kills human coronavirus and common germs, protecting high touch surfaces such as smartphones, tablets, and kiosks.

**Location: Dublin**

 [kastus.com](https://kastus.com)

 [kastus](https://www.linkedin.com/company/kastus)

 [@Kastus](https://twitter.com/Kastus)





# **IND**

## INDUSTRY

### 2021 Finalists

These entrepreneurs are significant employers on the island of Ireland and are mainly focused on the Irish and UK markets.

They are market leaders in their sectors and have made a huge contribution to the economy.



# David Henderson

## Tobermore Concrete Limited

David Henderson is the owner and Managing Director of Tobermore, which currently employs 445 people. Tobermore is now recognised as a world-class manufacturer and supplier of concrete paving and walling products and has seen sales grow strongly through the pandemic.

**Location: Magherafelt**

 [tobermore.co.uk](http://tobermore.co.uk)

 [tobermore](https://www.linkedin.com/company/tobermore)

 [@Tobermore](https://twitter.com/Tobermore)





# Dominic Walsh

## Hospital Services Limited (HSL)

Dominic Walsh is the Chief Executive of HSL, a trusted long-term supplier of radiology, ophthalmic, endoscopy and surgical equipment to the health services and over 225 hospitals across the UK and Ireland.

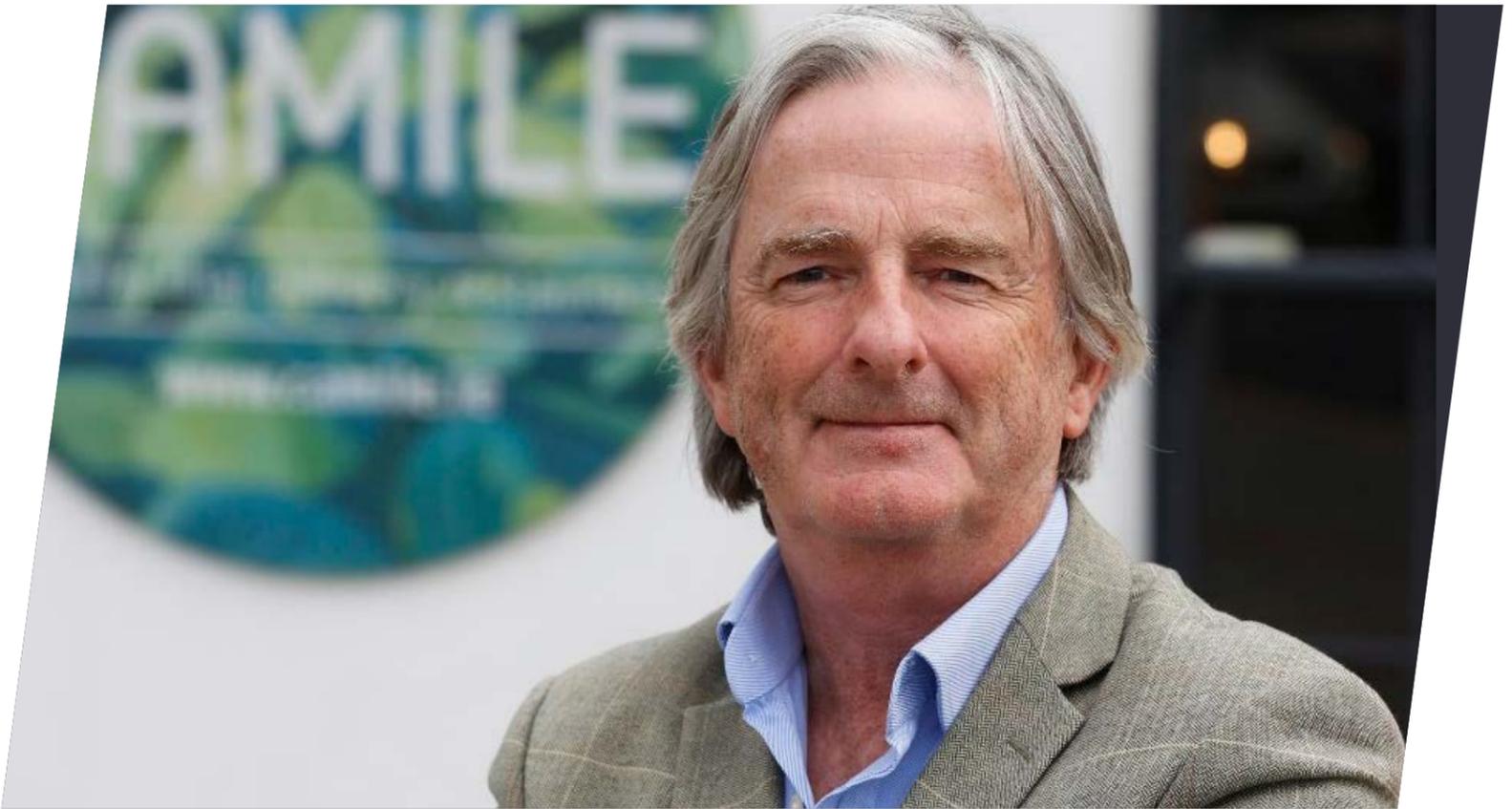
**Location: Belfast**

 [hsl.ie](http://hsl.ie)

 [hsl-hospital-services-limited](https://www.linkedin.com/company/hsl-hospital-services-limited)

 [@hsl\\_ltd](https://twitter.com/hsl_ltd)





# Brody Sweeney

## Camile Thai Group

Brody Sweeney is the Founder & CEO of Camile Thai Kitchen, a tech-focused international Thai Restaurant group. Previously, Brody founded the O'Brien's Sandwich Bar chain. Camile Thai employs approximately 1,000 people across the business, with 42 locations nationwide by the end of 2021.

**Location: Dublin**

 [camile.ie](https://camile.ie)

 [camile-thai-kitchen](https://www.linkedin.com/company/camile-thai-kitchen)

 [@CamileThai](https://twitter.com/CamileThai)





# Joseph Doherty

## Re-Gen Waste

Joseph co-founded and is Managing Director of the family-run Re-Gen Waste, a market leader in integrated household recycling and waste management. Since 2004, with Re-Gen's assistance, councils across Ireland and Great Britain have diverted over 1.8 million tonnes from landfill.

**Location: Newry**

 [regenwaste.com](https://regenwaste.com)

 [regen-waste](https://www.linkedin.com/company/regen-waste)

 [@RegenWaste](https://twitter.com/RegenWaste)





# Fergus Naughton

## ROSS Engineering Manufacturing Ltd

Fergus is the Managing Director of ROSS who specialise in engineering, construction & polymer services to the Irish, European, and wider Global market. Established over two decades ago, ROSS is now synonymous with the most superior standard of service, flexibility of offering and above all, quality.

**Location: Dublin**

 [ross-es.com](http://ross-es.com)

 [rossengservices1](https://www.linkedin.com/company/rossengservices1)





# Oonagh O'Hagan

## Meaghers Pharmacy

Oonagh O' Hagan is the owner and Managing Director of the Meaghers Pharmacy Group which consists of nine physical pharmacies in Dublin together with an online arm to the business as well as shipping to 58 countries all around the world.

**Location: Dublin**

 [meagherspharmacy.ie](https://meagherspharmacy.ie)

 [meagher's-pharmacy](https://www.linkedin.com/company/meagher-s-pharmacy)

 [@MeaghersPharmcy](https://twitter.com/MeaghersPharmcy)





# Michael McKinney

## Inishowen Engineering Manufacturing Ltd

Established in 1994 in Inishowen, Co. Donegal, Inishowen Engineering has gone on to be one of Ireland's leading sub-contract engineering and fabrication companies, becoming tier 1 supplier to some of the world's best-known original machinery manufacturing companies in Ireland, The UK and Europe.

**Location: Donegal**

 [inisheng.com](http://inisheng.com)





# Jim Darragh

**Totalmobile**

Jim Darragh is the CEO of Totalmobile, a market leading provider of field service and mobile workforce management software. Since joining the Belfast headquartered company in 2016, it has experience x5 growth, with over 350 employees and 1,000 customers across the UK and Ireland.

**Location: Belfast**

 [totalmobile.co.uk](http://totalmobile.co.uk)

 [totalmobile](https://www.linkedin.com/company/totalmobile)

 [@Totalmobile](https://twitter.com/Totalmobile)





# *INT*

INTERNATIONAL  
2021 Finalists

This category consists of entrepreneurs who are global players.

Their companies operate in multiple markets across the globe and can be headquartered here in Ireland or overseas.



# Brian O'Sullivan

## Zeus Packaging

Brian O'Sullivan is the Founder of Zeus, the global packaging solutions company. Zeus manufactures and supplies packaging products for a variety of industries including food, agriculture, pharma and hospitality, and employs 670 across 26 countries.

**Location: Dublin**

 [zeuspackaging.com](https://zeuspackaging.com)

 [zeus-packaging-group/](https://www.linkedin.com/company/zeus-packaging-group/)

 [@zeus\\_packaging](https://twitter.com/zeus_packaging)





# Peter Foley

## LetsGetChecked

Peter Foley is Founder & CEO of LetsGetChecked, a virtual care company that allows customers to manage their health from home by providing access to telehealth services, pharmacy, and at-home sample collection kits.

**Location: Dublin, Ireland & New York, USA**

 [letsgetchecked.com](https://letsgetchecked.com)

 [let's-get-checked](https://www.linkedin.com/company/let-s-get-checked)

 [@letsgetchecked](https://twitter.com/letsgetchecked)





# Michael Burke

## Chanelle Pharma Unlimited Company

Michael Burke is the Founder & Executive Chairman of Chanelle Pharma, Ireland's largest indigenous generic pharmaceutical manufacturer of both medical and veterinary products. Chanelle Pharma is headquartered in Loughrea, Co Galway and currently employs 550 people in Ireland, the UK, Jordan, and India.

**Location: Galway**

 [chanellepharma.com](http://chanellepharma.com)

 [chanelle](https://www.linkedin.com/company/chanelle)

 [@Chanelle\\_Pharma](https://twitter.com/Chanelle_Pharma)





# Colin Lynch

## Electronic Product Services Ltd

Colin Lynch is one of the 4 founders and the CEO of EPS Global which provides value added services to electronics manufacturers with a focus on tier 1 automotive producers. EPS is also a leading distributor of components and software into datacentres and telecoms operators worldwide.

**Location: Dublin**

 [epsglobal.com](https://www.epsglobal.com)

 [epsglobal1](https://www.linkedin.com/company/epsglobal1)

 [@EPSGlobal1](https://twitter.com/EPSGlobal1)





Karl  
McHugh

## Atlantic Dawn Unlimited Company

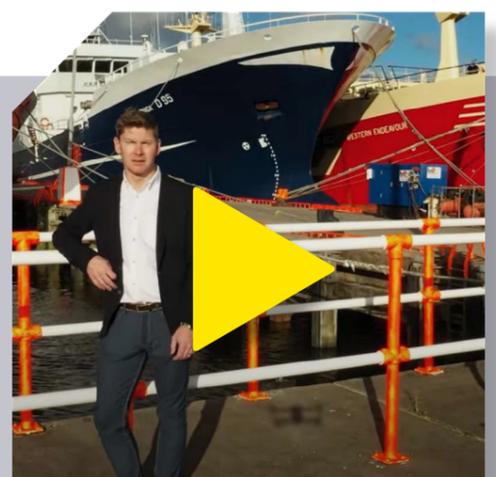
Karl McHugh is the CEO of the Atlantic Dawn Group - a leader in sustainable fishing and seafood processing, working in harmony with our environment to bring the finest quality fish to our markets.

**Location: Donegal**

 [atlantic-dawn.com](https://atlantic-dawn.com)

 [atlantic-dawn-group-ireland](https://www.linkedin.com/company/atlantic-dawn-group-ireland)

 [@atlantic\\_dawn](https://twitter.com/atlantic_dawn)





# Kevin Brennan

## ModuBuild Ltd

Kevin is the Co-Founder & CEO of Modubuild, a high-tech design, engineering, manufacturing & construction company. Modubuild specialises in rapid delivery of modular on & off-site construction solutions on Europe's largest & most complex projects in the biopharmaceutical & data centre sectors.

**Location: Kilkenny**

 [modubuild.net](https://modubuild.net)

 [modubuild](https://www.linkedin.com/company/modubuild)

 [@ModubuildSocial](https://twitter.com/ModubuildSocial)





## Brian & Jackie Reid

### Deli Lites (Ireland) Ltd

Brian & Jackie Reid are the Co-Founders and entrepreneurs leading DELI LITES Ireland, an award-winning food solutions provider with global ambitions. Developed by a team of chefs, their innovative food-to-go is currently in 9 countries.

**Location: Down**

 [delilites.com](https://delilites.com)

 [delilites](https://www.linkedin.com/company/delilites)

 [@DeliLites](https://twitter.com/DeliLites)





# ***ALUMNI***



The EY Entrepreneur of the Year™ proved to be a positive shock to the system through meeting energetic & likeminded entrepreneurs on a similar journey. Learnings & experiences shared, lifetime friendships made through the inspiring network.

**PAT RIGNEY**

**THE SHED DISTILLERY OF P.J RIGNEY**



As part of their EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ journey, our 23 Finalists have engaged in a strategic development programme and tonight's Awards is the culmination of this journey as each of their incredible achievements are celebrated. However, our Finalist's EOY journey doesn't end tonight!

The EOY programme offers a gateway into the island of Ireland's most prestigious and exclusive entrepreneurial community - the EOY Alumni Community. Growing bigger each year, the EOY Alumni is a tight knit cohort of now 560 of our island's best entrepreneurs and business leaders.

The Alumni are at the heart of all EOY activity and this community enables the top entrepreneurs on the island of Ireland to network and collaborate with each other, year after year. All Finalists are automatically inducted into this prodigious inner circle, which offers Alumni a plethora of business development opportunities and an unrivalled support network.

Over the past year, our Finalists have been on a journey of acclaim, community and challenge. This journey began with the opening of the nomination window in January and concludes tonight at our Awards. Our 2021 Finalists' journey may be ending this evening, but tonight also marks the beginning of their Alumni Journey.



# FINALISTS JOURNEY

**27 JAN**

NOMINATIONS OPENED

**FEB - MAR**

NOMINEE INTERVIEWS

**16 MAR**

NOMINATIONS CLOSED

**13 MAY**

23 FINALISTS ANNOUNCED  
ACROSS IRISH MEDIA

**MAY**

FINALISTS INDUCTION  
CEREMONY

**10 JUN**

EY WORLD ENTREPRENEUR OF  
THE YEAR™ 2021

**JUL - SEP**

FINALISTS ENTREPRENEURIAL  
EVOLUTION SESSIONS AND  
FINALISTS FILMING

**2 SEP**

MEET THE JUDGES -  
FINALISTS INTERVIEWS

**12-15 OCT**

KILLARNEY CEO RETREAT

**28 OCT**

FINAL JUDGING

**25 NOV**

2021 EOY GALA AWARDS NIGHT





# CEO RETREAT

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™ CALENDAR IS THE ANNUAL CEO RETREAT.

This event, exclusively designed for our EOY Community, usually sees us travel internationally, where we expose the entrepreneurs to world class executive education, company site visits and thought leaders.

This year, we were determined to drive this event forward in person and in October we hosted our EOY CEO Retreat in Killarney at The Europe Hotel & Spa.

We were joined by world class speakers and thought leaders and had record numbers across the four days with over 110 of the EOY Alumni in attendance.

As an integral cornerstone of our programme, we were delighted to be able to host our alumni community once again in person, supporting the local economy while also building a dynamic, engaging and valuable agenda for our EOY community.





**560**

ALUMNI & FINALISTS

**€21 billion**

COMBINED REVENUE

**171,000**

TOTAL HEADCOUNT

**75%**

OF ALUMNI DO BUSINESS  
WITH ONE ANOTHER



The EOY Alumni is a growing group of amazing people who support each other in good times and bad, a place to share wins and losses and solve problems with people who have been there and done that.

**KEVIN O'LOUGHLIN**  
**NOSTRA**



# ***ALUMNI BOARD***

**THE EOY ALUMNI BOARD IS A VOLUNTARY, ORGANISED GROUP OF IRISH ENTREPRENEURS, WHO HAVE ALL SHARED THE EXPERIENCE OF BEING CHOSEN AS FINALISTS IN THE EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™ PROGRAMME.**

The EOY Alumni Board advocate on behalf of the EOY Alumni Community and strive to make a meaningful and powerful contribution to their fellow EOY Alumni, their businesses and the wider Irish community.

As we celebrate the 24th year of the programme on the island of Ireland, EY and the EOY Alumni Board encourage our Finalists to engage with this unique and vibrant community of past Finalists and winners into the future.

We invite each of our EOY Alumni to join us at our numerous EOY Alumni events that are organised throughout the year.

**YOUR EOY ALUMNI BOARD ARE:**

**MORGAN  
BROWNE**  
Milner Browne  
**CHAIRPERSON**



**JOHN  
PURDY**  
Ergo Group  
(2014)



**ALDAGH  
MCDONAGH**  
Frankli  
(2006)



**ELEANOR  
CHAMBERS**  
Budget Energy  
Limited (2004, 2013)



**KEVIN  
O'LOUGHLIN**  
Nostra  
(2017)



**TOMMY  
GRIFFITH**  
PEL Recycling  
(2009)



**BRIAN  
LEE**  
Freshly Chopped  
(2016)



**RONAN  
O'BRIEN**  
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(2012)



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TORMEY**  
PlanNet21  
(2015)



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TWOMEY**  
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Pudding (2010)



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RIGNEY**  
The Shed Distillery of  
P.J. Rigney (2018)



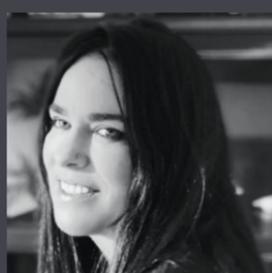
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(2012)



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(2015)



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GRUBB**  
TriviumVet  
(2015)



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Gardiner Family  
Apothecary (2016)



The EY Entrepreneur of the Year™ programme celebrates inspirational leaders who go above and beyond to develop and grow their businesses and to make a positive contribution to the communities in which they work and live.

**ANNE HERATY**  
**CPL RESOURCES PLC**



# ***OUR TEAM***



# **EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR™**

NOMINATIONS OPEN **17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022**

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