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Hello,

I agree with a centralised, operational model of recycling for Ireland.

Look at how it's done in Nordic countries where deposits range from 20-50c and people collect their own bottles, cans and packaging for recycling, along with that of others at festivals, picnic spots, beaches, etc. It's a direct financial incentive to recycle and not litter. The bottles and cans then get dropped off at a supermarket and the collector gets a printed voucher which they can cash in at the front desk or till of the supermarket. Manufacturers and producers then collect and sort the bottles - if you get a German beer in Germany, there's usually scratch marks around the base and neck of the bottle from being put through the deposit machine. These occasionally show up here in certain off-licenses.

Waste collectors can help sort and organise the bottles if they want. Maybe they should have to do it as part of their license to trade.

Make the deposit from 30-50c. Some countries don't include wine bottles for some reason, but they should be included here.

Don't half-ass it - expand the scheme for ALL drinks bottles (plastic, glass and cans) and then further expand it to include tin cans, yogurt pots and as much food packaging as possible.

Communicate the idea through TV, print and online ads. It's really simple. No need to over-complicate the issue.

Northern Ireland will eventually bring in their own system, which should ideally be in harmony with this. Remember, Ireland was ahead of the UK for plastic bag taxes and a smoking ban. They will follow suit. Investigate what EU countries do in their border areas and do something similar.

Make it happen - Irish people will often litter as a way of acting tough or looking like a hardman, like throwing rubbish around is a badge of honour of fighting against the system. This will be a good first step to cleaning up the place.

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