

Social Enterprise responses to COVID-19

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Foodcloud, Dublin	Social enterprise FoodCloud is Working with the Government and Community Partners to Increase Food Provisions They are working with over 600 community groups across Ireland, distributing the equivalent of 160,000 meals a week. These services include residential catering services and large food banks. FoodCloud will continue to support our network of community groups as long as they are open and need food. They are also preparing to meet the additional demand for food hampers by establishing new strategic community partnerships that will support communities across Ireland. They are working with their food industry and corporate partners to secure a consistent supply of food and essential products whilst increasing their operational capacity.
Grow it Yourself (GIY), Waterford	Due to the COVID-19 emergency, Grow it Yourself (GIY) has seen an unprecedented surge in interest in food growing. Giving people access to the seeds, starter kits and knowledge resources they need to grow success. They also provide people with the knowledge they need to grow successfully. Each day at 11am they release a food growing project for adults and kids, with associated videos and other content. This complements other efforts such as the viewership of more than 300,000 people watching the 3rd series of GIY's social enterprise TV show GROW COOK EAT which aired as of March 18th. Furthermore the existing active programmes like the big grow and Get Ireland Growing which are being re-purposed to focus on home-growing.
Speedpak & Shamrock Rosettes, Dublin	<p>In response to COVID-19 Speedpak & Shamrock Rosettes mobilised their commercial resources to support the national effort. Their own commercial contacts resulted in new business to service the health care sector. E-fulfillment service is now a key logistics partner for ASAP Innovations in the supply of PPE equipment (facemasks, rapid test kits and gloves) to the HSE and nursing homes nationally. 3.5M facemasks have been distributed to date.</p> <p>In a separate project they provide manufacturing support to a customer who innovated as a response to COVID-19. They have brought to market a new 1L bottle hand sanitiser dispenser for use in food retail outlets, the initial order of 60K units are being filled, sealed, labelled and packed by Speedpak.</p> <p>Speedpak also provide 'break bulk' services to two other customers supplying disposable food containers and dinner trays to meet the growing demand nationally for home ready meals and those cocooning. Post COVID they face difficult financial challenges, but plan to offer up to 100 work experience and training places with State and local partner in order to keep these people connected to the labour market.</p>
We Make Good / Irish Refugee Council, Nationwide	Social enterprise We Make Good have established the "Buy One, Gift One" campaign in partnership with the Irish Refugee Council to assist vulnerable people living in Direct Provision throughout the country. For every protective linen face mask purchased online, a mask is donated to a person living in Direct Provision.
Siel Bleu, Nationwide	Siel Bleu offers older adults and people living with chronic disease and physical and intellectual disabilities the opportunity to counteract physical inactivity through specially designed, professional exercise programmes. They have now started to broadcast their programmes live across YouTube and Facebook to allow their members to still participate. They are also developing bespoke exercise booklets for specific patient groups so they too can continue to remain fit and active with custom exercise programs.
Ballina Costume Company, Ballina, Mayo	Ballina Costume Design are spearheading a collaboration of social enterprises and over 50 volunteer sewing machinists to produce PPE masks and gowns for use in local hospitals and other essential services.

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Vantastic, Dublin	Vantstic have redeployed their fleet of vehicles to help with the Covid-19 Crisis. This includes diverting passenger transport to Meal On Wheels Services, essential staff transport and a number of deliveries of Personal Protective Equipment. Vantastic have engaged with HSE and various community groups.
Walkinstown Green Social Enterprise (Green Kitchen Café), Dublin	Walkinstown Green Social enterprise are collaborating with DCC to ensure all in need of a meals on wheels service are provided with it. They prepare and deliver meals to 52 elderly people in the community every day.
ReCreate, Dublin	ReCreate a social enterprise based in Dublin with a National reach are involved in recycling waste material for arts and crafts use. They have provided creative packages to 807 children living in family hubs/emergency accommodation. They are also hosting creative sessions online that are available to all. For more details visit: https://recreate.ie/interactive-workshops/
Sensational Kids, Kildare, Mayo, Monaghan, West Cork	In response to the Covid-19 crisis and to ensure continuity of care Sensational Kids in Mayo, Kildare, Monaghan and West Cork has innovated and changed its service delivery model to deliver virtual care (speech & language and occupational therapy) for the families who need ongoing support and to avoid a break in care during this extraordinary period.
Clonmany Youth & Community Resource Centre, Clonmany, Inishowen, Co. Donegal	Social enterprise Clonmany Fabric and Crafts (and their many volunteers) are manufacturing and supplying thousands of face masks to frontline workers nationwide. Over 280 sewing volunteers from all over the country are involved, making masks with fabric and material packs donated by the social enterprise.
Newcastle West, Co Limerick	Desmond Ability Resource Centre in Newcastle West, Co. Limerick is offering a meals on wheels service to 20 elderly people providing nourishing, home cooked meals seven days per week.
Kilbride Community Shop, Kilbride Parish, Roscommon	Kilbride Community Shop has ramped up their efforts because of COVID-19, offering extended opening hours and increased their delivery capabilities. They can now take shopping orders over the phone, accept payments and arrange for collection or delivery of shopping in a 2-3 mile radius.
Achill Island Tourism SE, Achill Island, Mayo	Achill Community Response Coordination Centre provides a hotline facility and shopping/ prescription collection servicing approx. 250 locals a week. 250 volunteers recruited in Achill's 20 townlands also take care of bins and maintaining a community alert system. Deliveries are made by Local Link Mayo , which also services other parts of the county. Achill Community Response Coordination Centre is working with two Meals on Wheels services that "have seen a 40% increase in demand".
St.Michael's Hall, Ballyduff Upper, Waterford	Social enterprise St. Michael's Hall are on call in the community to collect shopping medicine's etc. to the elderly and sick. They are also distributing hand sanitisers that were donated to them for free.

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Spraoi & Sport, Carndonagh, Donegal	In light of the Covid-19 crisis the Spraoi & Sport social enterprise in Carndonagh, Donegal has adapted its offering and developed a service called Cinéal which supports local communities in delivering groceries and food supplies to vulnerable people.
St Munchins Community Centre, Killeely, Limerick	St Munchin's , a social enterprise in Limerick city, are playing a key role in dealing with the Covid-19 crisis. While they have had to close their café and hair salon, they have ramped up their services to provide a meals on wheels and outreach support to vulnerable members of the community.