

PRESS RELEASE

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€239,900 awarded in funding to 14 start-ups and small business by Local Enterprise Office for Dublin City

The Local Enterprise Office for Dublin City has awarded €239,900 in funding to 14 Dublin City-based small businesses and start-ups, supporting 25 jobs. The funding was announced at an event for the successful companies in the Local Enterprise Office for Dublin City, Wood Quay, Dublin 8.

Commenting on the funding today, Greg Swift, Head of Enterprise and Economic Development, at Local Enterprise Office for Dublin City, said: “We’re delighted to award almost €240,000 to 14 small companies and start-ups across Dublin City, bringing 2018 to an end on a positive note.

“The funding amounts awarded range from €1,000 to €35,000 and will support companies by helping them build their staff teams; expand into new markets; and move from early-growth stage to high-potential start-ups.

“The companies we’re supporting range from a design studio developing an augmented reality children’s book and app highlighting farm dangers, a pizza company making sourdough bases and authentic Italian pizza sauces, to a training school for cosmetic procedures.”

Also speaking at the event was Paul Courtney of Symmetry Solutions: “Receiving this funding is a big milestone in the development of my company – it has given me the security and confidence to continue to grow my business.

“I would encourage all businesses similar to mine to reach out to their local enterprise office, not only is it hugely rewarding to receive the funding, the staff have been invaluable for offering advice, as well as providing networking opportunities which are vital for a growing business.”

The companies supported include:

- Symmetry Solutions; a privacy and data protection management software company;
- Xtract360, an online insurance claims platform;
- Fifty-Three Six Media, a sports marketing agency;
- Change Donations, an online fundraising platform for charities and non-profits;
- Emerald Green Baby, an E-commerce platform for online retail sales in China;
- Sorrento Pizza; a food producer making pizza bases and sauces;
- Gigable, a mobile platform matching available workers to available jobs;
- Dragonflick, an online platform for multimedia asset management;
- Olytico, a social media monitoring and analysis agency;
- Wunderfloor, a residential and commercial heating solutions company;
- Flutter Tree, who create handcrafted gifts;
- Estivus, a digital platform enabling SMEs to promote and manage their online presence;
- Little Red Design Studio, a design studio teaching valuable lessons to children;
- Kieron Men, who is developing a medical training device; and
- Cosmed Aesthetic Training Academy, training school for cosmetic procedures.

Further information on the Local Enterprise Office for Dublin City can be found here: <https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity/>.

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About Local Enterprise Office Dublin City

Local Enterprise Office Dublin City helps start-ups and small businesses to plan, start and grow. It is part of the national network of 31 Local Enterprise Offices, and is housed within Dublin City Council. Further information is available at:

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