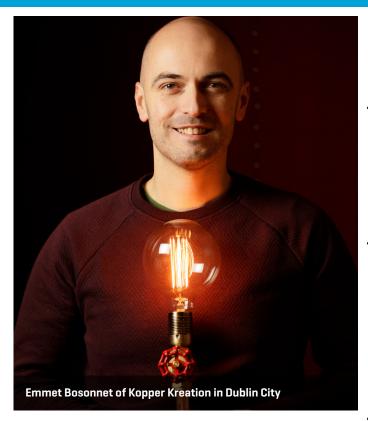
## #MakingItHappen together with Kopper Kreation



IN AN AGE WHEN THE NEED TO BE SUSTAINABLE HAS NEVER BEEN MORE RELEVANT, DUBLINER EMMET BOSONNET HAS SET UP A COMPANY MAKING BEAUTIFUL THINGS OUT OF RECYCLED PRODUCTS.

Set up in 2018 and backed by Local Enterprise Office Dublin City, Kopper Kreation is an industrial design brand that uses reclaimed and recycled material to create homeware products. Born out of an idea Bosonnet had while working as an engineer in the renewables sector, the business epitomises the notion that 'one person's trash is another person's treasure'.

"I create unique and eye-catching homeware products from recycled materials and currently have a range of tableware and lighting products," says the entrepreneur.

"I love to work on bespoke projects and am always interested in ideas which homeowners or companies may have for an interesting project." Located in a rented studio space in The Chocolate Factory in Dublin city centre, Bosonnet says while the current crisis affected his business to a degree, he has managed to build up a growing customer base online.

"The pandemic made people rediscover their locality and encouraged people to shop small and local," he says. "People are now seeking out locally produced items and connecting with designers - and hopefully these new relationships can be nourished and continue to flourish for years to come. Also, the complete shift to online purchasing has been good for me as I built up quite a strong online customer base."

"But Brexit has had a negative effect. I was purchasing a lot of intricate electronic components for making my lamps from the UK along with a lot of packaging materials and this has had to stop due to the increased costs and delayed deliveries. So now I am focusing my efforts on finding these products in Ireland."

With a positive mindset, Bosonnet hopes to expand his business and take on some staff soon.

"Sales have been strong and encouraging throughout and I am excited about reopening," he says.

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"The Local Enterprise Office and also the Design and Crafts Council Ireland have been hugely instrumental in helping me to set up and grow my business," he says. "I recently received a Business Priming Grant and have learned the importance of networking and connecting."

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