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# 2024 PARTICIPANTS



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## **A Community Building Consultancy - Aodhan King**

A dedicated building consultancy service for the community and not-for-profit sector

## **All Rise – Sarah Colgan**

A movement to shift culture across our education system with neurodiversity-affirming video-based learning.

## **ALLoT - (Library of Things for ALL) - Lucy Buckley**

A collection of everyday items that can be borrowed instead of bought to integrate communities whilst supporting sustainability and empowering meaningful culture change.

## **Althical – Marjia Siddik**

Empowering clinicians to build & deploy AI tools, reducing bias from centralized datasets and leading to fairer healthcare for all.

## **Audacity XX – Grace Oladipo**

A platform designed to equip women from minority or disadvantaged backgrounds with the tools they need for their professional goals.

## **Beyond Survival – Clare Egan**

Aiming to change the conversation about life after sexual violence by using community and storytelling.

## **Blossom**

Delivering gardening workshops in schools to improve mental health and to tackle screen addiction.

## **Training Space For People Leaving State Care - Orla Gilroy**

Providing young people leaving state care with psychosocial support, hospitality training and mentorship that inspires, empowers, and builds confidence.

## **CharityLink – Lisa Killilea**

Securing a strong funding link between the Irish SME industry and the Irish charity/NGO sector.

## **Chronic Health Advocate – Mark Bolger & Elaine Comerford**

Offering support and guidance to individuals and Families living with Chronic Illness in Ireland

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## **Conscious Connections - Karina Murray**

Providing alternative avenues for women from the LGBTQ+ community and non-binary people to connect through activities and events that promote health.

## **Creative Arts for Well-being – Lisa Callaghan**

Developing a long-term sustainable solution for collaboration between experienced artists and the mental health service.

## **EireCycl LTD – Mumo Mutulili**

Providing an environmentally friendly solution for the hygiene industry by recycling disposable nappy waste into useable by products.

## **Get In The Picture – Sharon Huggard**

Empowering women by combating underrepresentation, promoting self-confidence and inclusivity and ensuring women feel valued and visible in their own stories.

## **IrelandKIND – Lisa Travers**

Actively advocating, educating and promoting acts of kindness, igniting empathy to build a more socially connected Ireland, thereby reducing loneliness.

## **Jollof Station – Sharon Etokhana & Bobmanuel Alex**

An African restaurant in Dublin, catering to the cultural and nutritional needs of asylum seekers from African countries.

## **LittleTalks – Stephanie Connolly**

A support framework that protects and preserves the relationship between children and their loved ones in prison through the creation of communication programmes.

## **Mental Theatre – Milla Suvikannel & Milena Siimekselä**

A storylike, visually inspiring mindfulness practice which aims to enhance wellbeing of staff in the charity, social enterprise, and voluntary sector.

## **MYMcollective – Carol Geary**

An online space exclusively for women aged between 30-55 years who utilise journaling and peer-to-peer support to help manage their day-to-day mental health challenges.

## **No Planet B – Niamh Fitzgibbon**

Bridging the gap between climate concern and meaningful action by providing and facilitating easy access to fun and meaningful climate action activities.

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## **Northstar Services – Helen Brady & Karen Graham**

A support service for individuals and families of neurodivergent people.

## **The Crow Gallery – Anna Wall**

Exhibiting artworks that tackle discrimination, negative attitudes, disrespect, and inclusion of people with disabilities.

## **The Digital Human – Julie Palcic**

Aims to support individuals in companies, schools, and local groups on their digital wellness journey by offering tailored programs and talks.

## **The Hood – Jason Cowman**

Locally supported, community based, no cost gyms for marginalised youths throughout Ireland.

## **Town Scientist – Niamh Shaw**

Working directly with communities to break down barriers about science.

## **Uplift – Donal Roche**

Aims to increase the quality of life for the homeless / asylum seekers by providing them with a method to receive tax deductible payment in a cashless society.

## **Vanguard - Ngozi Elobuike**

Establishing an AI venture studio targeting income disparities for African and Caribbean individuals in the Irish diaspora.

## **VRtual-e – Armando Javier Carias Henriquez & Richmond Yeboah**

Helping hearing and speech-impaired people become successful freelancers and entrepreneurs by facilitating access to remote work opportunities, powered by AI and XR solutions exclusively designed for them.

## **Yarn + Yearn - Patricia Wassermann**

A craft-based initiative dedicated to empowering survivors of domestic violence in Ireland.

## **Yoga4Health Ireland – Martina Meegan**

An evidence based yoga programme which helps people experiencing social isolation, mild to moderate stress, anxiety, depression, and those at risk of diabetes or cardiac disease to bring about lifestyle changes through simple yoga techniques



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