

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 2

Central themes for April included pivoting, innovation and regional job creation.

Abi Howe of the <u>Bridal Lounge</u> in Mullingar talks about taking her wedding dress fitting business online. Tony Woods of Mountmellick based <u>Midland</u> <u>Steel Supplies</u> on the need for constant innovation and taking on a university graduate to share the load! Portlaoise based <u>One Stop</u> <u>Fulfillment</u> on revolutionising the order fulfilment process. Renowned entrepreneur David Walsh speaks passionately about building a global business in a regional town and he's doing so again with <u>HaloCare</u>, Ronan also checks in on the aviation sector with Enda Corneille of <u>Emirates</u> airlines and discusses the misuse of NDA's with Caroline McEnery of <u>The HR Suite</u>.

GOOD NEWS STORY OF THE MONTH:

To mark 25 years in business, Portarlington based <u>Polar Ice</u> is planting 25,000 trees as part of Self Help Africa's One Million Trees mission. Inspired by Glenisk, the company aims to be a sustainable, carbon neutral supplier of dry ice. It's great to see local companies setting the benchmark so high.

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YOUR MONTHLY BUSINESS ROUND UP

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BUSINESS STORIES OF THE MONTH

- Laois Hotelier Confident They Can Rely
 On Local Business This Summer
- Grant Scheme Suggested To Boost
 Traveller Employment In The Midlands
- Now's The Time For A Career Change,
 Says Midlands Recruitment Firm

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- New Job Opportunities For The Midlands
 With 120 IT Roles Announced
- 14 Jobs Lost In The Midlands As Pharma Company Goes Bust
- PPD is increasing its workforce at its
 Athlone plant by 40% over the next three years.

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Abi Howe of <u>The Bridal Lounge</u> in Mullingar, discusses taking the business online and the effects of the pandemic on the sector worth €2bn to the irish economy annually.



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Tony Woods, Managing Director of Midland Steel Reinforcement Supplies in Mountmellick as the company is recognised for its innovation capabilities by cross-border body InterTradeIreland.



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Enda Corneille, Country Manager Ireland Emirates, on how they are preparing to welcome back customers and rebuild passenger confidence.



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<u>HaloCare</u> CEO David Walsh talks about building a global company from a regional base again.



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Shane Murphy from <u>One Stop Fulfillment</u>, established just two years ago, the company is experiencing massive growth in demand for its services.



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Curtailing use of NDA's by employers in settlements related to sexual harassment or discrimination in the workplace. Caroline McEnery of the <u>HR Suite</u> spoke to Ronan.





