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Virtual reality specialists Mersus Technologies collect a national innovation award and the Midlands Park Hotel is certified as a Great Place to Work thanks in no part to an innovative employee development programme.

Mullingar Courier speaks from Ukraine as part of a relief effort and the Midlands LGBT+ Project launches in Tullamore. Great news too as 80km of mountain bike trails are officially launched in Kinnitty but challenging times for many sectors too – Tom Parlon of the CIF discussed continuing price inflation with

GOOD NEWS STORIES OF THE MONTH:

Two towns, one county – Ronan welcomed John Geoghegan and Alan Shaw to the studio as Mullingar and Athlone Chambers form a strategic partnership.

How a diagnosis of autism and ADHD in adulthood allowed Paula Nolan to finally flourish in her career.

Have a business story to share or question to be answered? Email business@midlands103.com Essential listening every Tuesday from 7pm or listen back on midlands103.com

Ronan.











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- <u>Potential For Expansion At Midlands'</u>
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Andy Miller began his career at Midlands Park Hotel as a kitchen porter and is now a chef. General Manager Dara Cruise introduces Andy in a week they were announced as a Great Place to Work and received an award from the Irish Hotels Federation for excellence in developing staff.





Paula Nolan has led a life of working to make ends meet, to chasing her passions as careers. It was only when a diagnosis in her adult life of Autism and ADHD came to light when she truly felt the drive and deeper understanding to chase her desires and succeed in her professions.



Innovation Award winners Mersus Technologies revolutising employee training with immersive technologies. Chief Operations Officer Brenda Mannion and Dermot Condron Chief Technologist joined Ronan in the studio to talk all things VR, augmented reality and immersive tech.



The Slieve Bloom mountains are now host to a 80km route of the most extensive bike trials in Ireland and the UK! Jonathan O'Meara of Mid Ireland Adventure joins Ronan on Taking Care of Business to discuss more about it and its benefits to the surrounding community.



Colm Smullen of Smullen Couriers Mullingar first delivered aid to Przemysl, Poland in March. He returned with another load on April 2nd and has remained there as a volunteer since. His 14 year old son Dara is there with him. What compelled him to stay and what is it like witnessing the growing humanatarian crisis?



On the 23rd of April, Midlands LGBT+ Project launched Offaly Proud. The expanding nonprofit organization based in Laois is now reaching further than ever, creating a place for the LGBT+ community and allies in the Offaly region. Christina Fitzharris joins Ronan and discusses the events to be enjoyed on the launch day.





Two towns, one county - collaboration is proving fruitful for Mullingar and Athlone Chambers.



50% of Irish businesses have not implemented an email security solution to prevent cyber threats and attacks - John Delves MD Magnet+

