

This week Dublin’s Q102 spoke to VOICE Ireland and their role in introducing a deposit return scheme to the country.

**Did you know…**

* The Return scheme is a refundable deposit that is placed on single use drink containers which will then be refunded to the consumer after returning the items for recycling.
* The scheme is aiming to tackle the estimated one billion plastic bottles and 1.6 million aluminium cans that are believed to end up in landfills or littered across the country.

**What do I have to do?**

* As customers buy their drinks they will pay an additional charge as a deposit on the items. After returning the used bottles and cans consumers will then be given their additional cost back**.**

**Does anywhere else in the world do this?**

* Countries like Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Germany have already introduced a Deposit Return Scheme and it has helped with recycling levels already.
* In these countries, retailers have provided the service to great quality and it is now an expected and normal part of the consumers shopping experience.

**Here’s a few websites if you want to know more !**

[**VOICE IRELAND DEPOSIT RETURN SCHEME**](https://www.voiceireland.org/campaign/return-for-change-drs)

[**deposit return scheme**](https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/b3f2f-minister-smyth-launches-irelands-deposit-return-scheme/)

