

Good News from IHI Members

Masterchefs have been busy with their #FreeMealsForTheElderly campaign. For the past six weeks (since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic), Master Chefs has been preparing and delivering free meals to elderly and vulnerable people living in Limerick and the Mid West. In most cases, the individuals that we deliver to are living alone, have underlying health issues and don't have family living close by that can cook or deliver much need groceries to them. We deliver them a free daily dinner for the whole week (with delivers going out twice weekly).



*Michelle O'Donnell, Executive Head Chef
Masterchefs Hospitality*



*Keith O'Sullivan, Operations Manager
Masterchefs Hospitality*

The Free Meals For The Elderly scheme was completely self-funded for the first three weeks. Over the last couple of weeks we've received some donations from local companies and individuals that will help fund the scheme for another little while. At the moment we're providing free meals to 100+ people. By the end of this week we will have delivered over 2,000 free meals to those most in need.

"Intercontinental Hotel delivers Easter Bunnies to Crumlin Children's Hospital and The Ronald McDonald House"

Despite being currently closed in the short-term like many hotels, Intercontinental Dublin delivered the Easter Bunnies they had ordered for their team to Crumlin Children's Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House who look after the families of children undergoing treatment.

Nicky Logue General Manager (pictured) distributed over 300 Lindt chocolate bunnies to both Crumlin and the adjacent Ronald McDonald House. Joe Kenny Manager of The Ronald McDonald House was delighted with the gesture as was Tracey Wall Director of Nursing at Crumlin. Both said it will bring some lovely Easter cheer to the Children and their families.



Nicky Logue, GM The InterContinental Dublin



"A View from the high road above the Greenway between Newport & Mulranny. Fania Stoney of Great Place to Work decided she would quarantine in Mayo after returning from a trip to the US a few weeks back and after her two weeks were up, she decided she would wait it out in Mayo. Not a bad place to be self isolating!

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"Daniel McLoughlin, owner at RockSalt Café & Restaurants Blackrock and Dundalk says this is certainly a very difficult time for everyone especially business owners with uncertainty as to when businesses will re-open & with a recession looming.

As an entrepreneur this is an exciting time for me, it's certainly a challenge however when will we ever be able to say we have guided our business through a global pandemic again. It is here now so relish the opportunity to adapt your business/lifestyle/ work life etc.

Since we closed our two sites in March I've been working hard behind the scenes to really look into our business moving forward & used this time to plan and do the jobs that I've always said 'I wish I had time to focus on this' and got them done.



Daniel McLoughlin, Owner RockSalt Cafe & Restaurants

Here is what we have done so far during this lockdown:

1. Launched a new website with an online shop where our customers can buy our coffees, accessories online & have them delivered straight to their door.
2. Developed a healthy take away & delivery side to our business delivering home cooked meals to our customers doors preordering online with our Q-KANGAROO app. Opened a new take away window hatch for coffees on the go..
3. Added a new A La carte menu, wine list and new coffee options which will be launched as soon as we get our premises fully open.

Use the time wisely & come back stronger than ever!

The Doyle Collection have been busy with other amazing talents. From budding renovators, writers, bakers and pet party planners! Sunny Basra, the author of the kid's book has shared a link to the website where parents can download his kids book free. www.monstersandlegends.uk

