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Accommomate - Maria O'Dwyer

An app and website that matches clinicians and families of third-level students with suitable housing, benefitting individuals on housing waiting lists and reducing pressure on the rental market.



All Irish Dance - Carmel McKenna

Provides training programmes designed to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills to lead inclusive Irish céilí dance activities for older adults and individuals with physical or intellectual disabilities.



AnamVR - Rob Sheridan & Pierce O'Brien

An affordable Virtual Reality (VR) app combining game design and education to help people struggling with anxiety.



Boys4Better - Ciara Crossan

Running week long residential summer camps for children to raise awareness about gender equality and create the next generation of male allies.



Cultural Consultancy and Information Services - Rima Kawash

Aims to promote positive engagement and enable effective intercultural experiences by empowering individuals with the necessary tools to bridge cross-cultural communication gaps.



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Digital Drop-In - Sandra Flynn

A regular digital drop-in service providing an informal social environment for older adults to come together and enhance their digital skills through mutual learning.



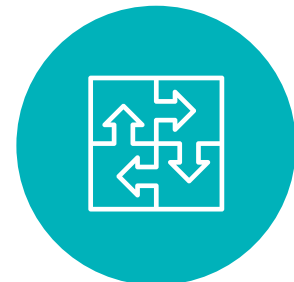
Eltsur - Anne Fitzpatrick

A peer-led education programme promoting healthy screen usage through older teenagers and young adults in their early to mid-twenties educating each other on the impact of technology from their personal experiences.



Elutka - Ela Mizak

A project aiming to deliver culturally sensitive depression prevention programs for children and empower parents to actively support their children's mental health.



Emmto - Andrea Lloyd

An app that facilitates meaningful conversations and connections for individuals with memory and communication challenges by allowing users to create and cherish life moments, enabling a focus for conversation's at one's own pace.



FEEDBACK - Mary Calpin

Teaching transition year students how to develop their confidence and improve their communication skills by harnessing the energy they're currently using on social media and instead channeling it into broadcasting or podcasting.



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Flip The Script - Laura Dowling & Eve Roseingrave

A group facilitation model that teaches health and social care professionals (HSCP) facilitation skills to run groups that support their members with intellectual disabilities to develop independent decision-making skills.



Grá Galore - Donna Fletcher

An interactive online community platform providing persons with intellectual disabilities (PWID), their loved ones and support providers a safe space to connect, share experiences and change the conversation around relationships and dating for PWID.



Iam. - Clare McGurk & Petro Visage

Empowering women by offering free, sustainable period products through selling advertising space on the packaging of these products and distributing them in public bathrooms.



Illuminate

Fostering empathy between caregivers and residents by providing a voice to people living in Nursing Homes who are unable to express themselves through recruiting, training, and supervising volunteers to serve as biographers.



Improving Physical Activity - Saintuya Dashdondog

A project aimed at fostering physical activity and encouraging healthy eating habits among school children by establishing afterschool clubs in primary schools.



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Inclusive Circular Economy Ireland - Aodhan Newsholme

Empowering citizens through education to enhance Ireland's circular economy performance and equipping individuals with the necessary skills for employment in this sector.



Inclusive Storytelling Through Gardening - Diletta Panero

Aiming to foster communication, inclusivity and social connection by utilising gardening as a means for exchanging stories and cultural knowledge, and stimulating hope and positive thoughts in people.



Learn Local - Eilis Davenport

Delivering culinary skills and food education programmes for schools and other community groups, with the goal of reducing food poverty and improving food nutrition.



Mind The Gap Ireland - Destiny Vaughan

Raising awareness about sexual assault through an anonymous social media platform, funding therapy via donations and speaking at public events.



Motion in Music - Thomas Kerr

Empowering persons with disabilities to explore their creativity in music performance through using motion tracking technology which can be outputted to digital midi instruments.



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Movement Matters - Niamh Gibney & Una Belton

An Occupational Therapy supported service that enables people with mental health issues access community spaces that promote physical activity, social engagement and wellbeing.



Nori - Nóirín Egan Byrne

Developing a streamlined textile waste collection service for households, facilitating sorting and subsequent transportation of materials to textile recycling facilities.



Senior Paws - Hanching-Coffey Chuang & Michael Coffey

Providing support and education to senior dogs owners through workshops and activities focused on senior dog care and addressing the emotional challenges of looking after an elderly pet.



Sustainable Schools Ireland - Tadhg O'Donovan

Providing schools sustainability audits, calculating their carbon footprint, and providing education on sustainability and climate change to staff and students.



The Nurture Network - Tess O'Leary & Bairbre Fee

Aims to support the mental health and well-being of expectant parents and their infants through a programme that offers education, local peer support, and resource guidance through community-based meetings and links to existing perinatal services.



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The Wellness Community - Christine Hollowed

A wellness programme that helps people develop a healthy lifestyle through increased awareness, education and personal growth.



Therapeutic Interventions for Prevention - Evan Dwan

A consultancy service that draws on psychotherapeutic expertise to design early intervention and prevention efforts that support optimal mental health throughout the lifespan.



Transition Year Students - Padraigin O'Donoghue & Mary Morrissey

Creating a training programme for secondary level transition year students, focused on developing skills and gaining official certification in caring for older people.



TY Future - Sylwia Brzozowska & Janet Frizzarin

An online platform connecting students, teachers and parents to relevant career development resources, real-world projects, and personalised guidance to help students explore the ever-evolving job-market.



Youth Resilience - Sian Butterly

A programme for young people facilitated by youth workers, promoting resilience in a fun and engaging manner through positive psychology interventions and interactive non-formal education techniques like games, art, and role play.





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