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An Sean-Teach



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It almost seems as if South African Carla Taylor was meant to end up living and working at An Sean-Teach, a traditional thatched house on a farm in Co. Laois.

She recently found out that a child reared in An Sean-Teach in Aughnacross emigrated to become a nun in Carla's own hometown of Boksburg, 10,000 km away.

Going to school every day, young Carla passed the convent where the nun lived, and is now buried. Little did she know she would end up living in the nun's house and setting up a successful business there.

The Old House has a long history of cottage industry and is now home to An Sean-Teach Ltd, a boutique drinks company.

Carla and her business partner, Brian Brennan, bring international trends in the drinks industry to local markets and bring Irish influences in beverage production to global ones.

Its two main products are DV8 Gold Cream Liqueur and Brennan's Old House Irish Botanical Gin. A number of other products are in development.

The company initially started exporting, mainly to South Africa, but is also now stocked in Irish supermarkets, off-licences, hotels and restaurants.

A graduate of the Food Academy Programme, An Sean-Teach drinks are stocked in SuperValu and other stores nationwide. The company also receives support from Enterprise Ireland and Bord Bia.

A family-run business, both owners' children and spouses are involved and the company plans to provide more local jobs.

Carla also continues to stay in touch with her new family of ACORNS participants who have formed a strong bond and regularly meet and support each other.