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An Sean-Teach



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When Carla Taylor ended up living and working in An Sean-Teach The Old House, a traditional thatched house in Aughnacross, Co Laois, she uncovered a remarkable coincidence: a nun in Carla's home town of Boksburg in South Africa had been born in the house.

Little did Carla know when she was growing up that she would end up living in the nun's birthplace and exporting her products to South Africa, among other markets.

Carla and her business partner, Brian Brennan, set up An Sean-Teach Ltd as a boutique drinks company catering to local and international markets.

Their main products are DV8 Gold Cream Liqueur and Brennan's Old House Irish Botanical Gin. New products include The Priest's Bottle, a cream liqueur for Aldi and an innovative product which will launch as soon as branding decisions are finalised.

It is fair to say that things have been going well for the new company: It won four Blas na hÉireann 2017 awards as well as a gold medal at the 2017 Irish Whiskey Awards for Best Irish Gin.

An Sean-Teach recently held promotions for the gin and cream liqueur with Aldi and will launch its cream liqueur exclusively for Aldi to mark Valentine's Day and Mother's Day next year.

The company is currently expanding its range in South Africa as well as seeking to grow its presence in America.

An Sean-Teach drinks are stocked in SuperValu and other stores, hotels and restaurants nationwide.

Carla 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.

Providing early stage female entrepreneurs, living in rural Ireland, with the knowledge, support and networking opportunities to meet and even exceed their current aspirations.