

## Arantxa López

### *ID Translation*



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Arantxa López first came to Ireland reluctantly at the age of 15 when her parents sent her here to learn English from her home in Vitoria-Gasteiz, the capital of the Basque Country in northern Spain.

Despite her initial reservations, Arantxa found that she really liked Ireland and she told her parents she wanted to return to Bundoran, Co Donegal, the following year.

Her affinity with the town and its people has continued to this day, and she and her brother, Mikel, now run two related companies in Bundoran.

With their first company, ID Languages, Arantxa, who studied Childhood Education & Language Teaching, created a way to make learning a new tongue more efficient and enjoyable by teaching languages through drama and dance. ID Languages began trading in 2014 and now offers a wide range of Bundoran-based and online language programmes.

In 2016, Arantxa and Mikel, who is also a freelance interpreter with the United Nations, set up ID Translation. The company has a database of over 260 freelance translators and interpreters allowing it to offer any language combination clients request.

Initially, most customers came to it from overseas, but it started acquiring Irish customers this year, with some coming through the networking opportunities offered by ACORNS. Arantxa also found ACORNS excellent at giving participants an understanding of the essential structures of a business.

This year, Arantxa attended a trade mission to Philadelphia with Donegal LEO where ID Translation won a major contract. The company has tripled its sales in the last year on the back of entering the US and Irish markets.

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



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