

## Nicola Grills

### Grills Spirits



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**Sixling**  
Small Batch Distilled in Scotland  
CLOUDBERRY INFUSED IRISH GIN

With the world experiencing a new gin craze in the last few years, it can be hard to break into the market, but Nicola Grills' unique creation has become an award-winning gin less than a year after launching.

Sixling gin, which launched in August 2018, is Ireland's first and only cloudberry gin. Cloudberrys, which were once plentiful in Ireland up until the 1800s, are now extremely rare on the island. Nicola sources the cloudberrys from Scandinavia to offer consumers an opportunity to rediscover a forgotten flavour of ancient Ireland.

Nicola, a former teacher, and her husband Tom were living in London when they decided they both wanted a career change.

Seeing the rise in popularity of gin back home in Ireland, they returned in 2015, to Tom's hometown in Dundalk, Co Louth. With help from LEO, they began setting up their own distilling business, Grills Spirits.

ACORNS was a great support to Nicola, and it was encouraging to meet other like-minded businesswomen.

Taking part in Bloom by Bord Bia this year was a fantastic way to introduce the gin to more customers and find out what they think of it.

In July, Sixling gin picked up a prestigious gold award in the Contemporary Gin category at the Global Gin Masters event. More recently, it was awarded 'Best Irish Distilled Gin' in the country by the Irish Gin Awards.

Nicola and Tom currently run Grills Spirits themselves but they plan to establish it as a family business employing locals. They have secured national distribution with Gleeson's and Sixling Gin is now available in both Dublin and Cork Airport, as well as Irish Ferries. Nicola's plan now is to expand their stockists in Ireland, export to other countries and add more products to Grills Spirits.

*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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