

## Eilín O'Carroll

### *Firmount House*



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Having an Irish grandfather who renovated houses in Clapham in London, renovating was always in Eilín's blood. However it took many years of working as an asset management consultant in London, Munich and Sydney for Eilín to come home and save Firmount House in County Kildare from dereliction.

Returning home in 2012, she, her husband and toddler twins bought Firmount and have spent the last seven years painstakingly bringing the house back from total disrepair and dereliction to the beautiful Victorian- styled house it is today, complete with seven bedrooms, six bathrooms, fabulous ballroom and dining rooms. It has been available for hire since 2017.

Termed "A gorgeous wedding venue with a fascinating past" by Irish Country Magazine and "A cool take on vintage romance" by One Fab Day, Firmount has played host to weddings, wellness retreats, films, video, ads and fashion shoots as well as the occasional workshop with fellow ACORNS. It is now also open for holiday rentals. The house has a rich and colourful history dating all the way back to the 17th century.

Having travelled the world, Eilín has brought back antiques and quirky decor, to ensure a house hire here is a truly unique and wonderful experience. And when not being a mother, working, travelling or paragliding, you can often find her on the roof of the house replacing tiles!

She found ACORNS invaluable in creating a network of supportive women to bounce her ideas off. She is working on a new online business project called AndSoSimple which aims to provide information to make wealth management for women more accessible as well as covering topics such as travel and fashion. This new project is only possible due to ACORNS as Eilín met her co-collaborator on AndSoSimple, Kabira on the ACORNS programme. It can be found on [www.instagram.com/AndSoSimple](http://www.instagram.com/AndSoSimple) and [www.facebook.com/Andsosimple](https://www.facebook.com/Andsosimple) with a website to follow shortly.

And finally Eilín is finishing off a book on raising twins with one of her London based twin Mum friends.

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