

Georgia Quealy Bon Chocolatiers

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originally from Roscrea in Co Tipperary, Georgia Quealy and her boyfriend/business partner, Daniel Linehan set up their company, Bon Chocolatiers, in his home town of Athlone, Co Westmeath, in October 2020.

Both classically trained chefs with Michelin star experience, they had plans to move to Dublin to work as pastry chefs when the pandemic hit. Having always talked about setting up a business together, they began to experiment in the kitchen of Daniel's parents' café in Athlone.

Bon Chocolatiers produces luxury hand-painted, hand-crafted chocolates made from the finest ingredients and showcasing many Irish producers. Georgia likes to create a journey of the senses for customers, starting out with the opening of the bespoke packaging to find the edible works of art, full of unique flavours and textures.

Bon Chocolatiers began selling their produce on Instagram in October 2020 after receiving support and mentorship through LEO Westmeath. They launched their own website in February 2021 and moved into their own production kitchen the following November. They have since expanded into their second production factory in Tullamore, County Offaly giving them opportunities for growth.

Their range of indulgent hand painted chocolate bonbons and handmade bars have been credited with some of the most prestigious food awards in Ireland & the UK. They are available to buy from their website, in Beans and Leaves Athlone and in Fallon & Byrne, Dublin. Since December 2023, they have partnered with Simply Better Dunnes, creating a bespoke range of chocolate products now available in over 70 stores nationwide.

Georgia says that participating in ACORNS, and ACORNS Plus, was invaluable to her business. She says that the most beneficial aspect was being given the skills to confidently run a business to its full potential while benefiting from the expert experience of her Lead Entrepreneurs, Eimer Hannon and Monica Flood. She is very grateful to be part of the ACORNS community.

Georgia continues to build Bon Chocolatiers as a brand, with plans to expand their stockists this year, while growing their product range and their team.

