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Andrea's Kitchen



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Andrea Pedersen's career was shaped by caring for others. A proud mother of four, originally from Germany – she left a legacy from her work with people with disabilities in the UK and Ireland and now she is creating a fresh one in her thriving artisan preserves business.

Throughout her working life, Andrea used her love for growing food, baking and teaching others to help her residents at work to build foundational skills through food preparation, baking and cooking.

In 2020, after relocating to East Cork, she began to find her love for growing fruit and vegetables again. Experimenting with different recipes and testing them with friends and family, her homemade jams became a real hit. This led to her creating Andrea's Kitchen – producing a range of award winning products, including six jams and award winning Pickled Beetroot made from a fourth generation family recipe. Earlier this year, two new chutneys were added to her range – bringing her to a total of nine products, all done while utilising solar panels at her home to operate more sustainably.

Andrea looks back fondly on her participation in ACORNS which she says was transformational for her. Through the programme, she found encouragement, friendship and practical support from fellow participants, as well as a safe space to connect. "Sometimes running a business on my own I feel quite alone. I wanted to connect with people. I didn't know what to expect when applying for the programme, but when I was accepted it gave me huge confidence. I love being part of the wider ACORNS community - We have created wonderful friendships and connections".

Looking to the future, Andrea hopes to grow her business domestically – expanding her range and increasing visibility, bringing Andrea's Kitchen to homes and businesses around Ireland.

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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