

## Clara Mulligan

*HomeBot Ireland*



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Clara Mulligan and her husband Alan O'Neill relocated to Cork during the COVID-19 pandemic to be closer to family. During this time the plans for her business, HomeBot Ireland began to take shape. Clara noticed a household routine of grass cutting was becoming difficult for her father-in-law. Wanting to make life easier for everyone, she focused on a modern solution – robotic lawnmowers.

After buying a robot vacuum, which ended up breaking soon after it arrived, Clara became frustrated with the lack of customer support received from the international supplier. It was this experience that led her to develop her idea of a robotics company that stood over its products and supported its customers – creating HomeBot Ireland which sold its first robot in June 2024.

Combining their skillsets in AI Technology and business, Clara and Chief Technology Officer Alan have now created a full range of products designed specifically for Irish homes ranging from AI-powered lawnmowers, robot vacuums and mops.

So far, 2026 has been a successful year for Clara and her business. She was named as the 2026 STEM Professional at the Network Ireland West Cork Awards before being announced as the 2026 Rising Star at the Tech Excellence Awards in May. She is also shortlisted in the Business Person of the Year category at the upcoming Chambers Ireland Awards. As well as this, HomeBot Ireland is a finalist in the Best New Business category at the same awards.

Clara sees the ACORNS programme as invaluable, with regular peer meetings giving her something to work towards, providing business updates at monthly meetings. The help and support from fellow participants was beneficial to her as she continued to develop as a business owner.

Today, HomeBot Ireland's products are stocked online and in large retail outlets nationwide, with plans to move into the European market ongoing. Clara also plans to move into the commercial market as her exciting business goes from strength to strength.

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