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Creating an Island of Innovation



A Network for Accelerating Innovation

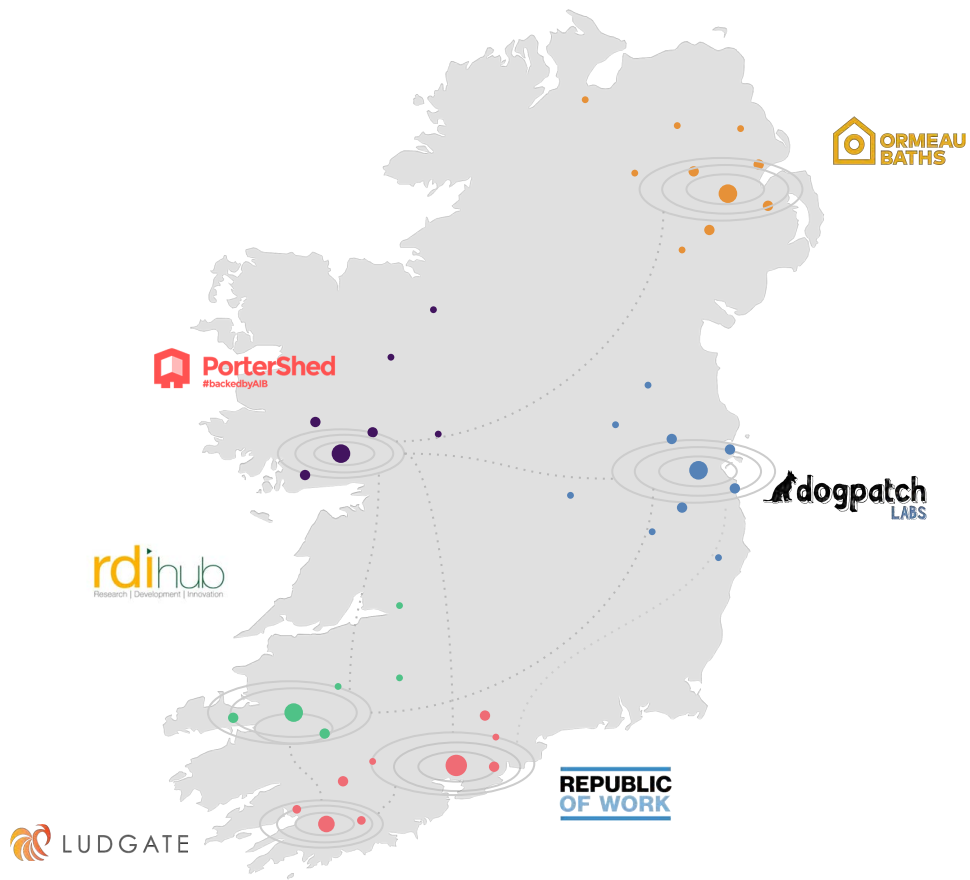
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Connecting the Regions

The Irish Tech Hub Network connects best-in-class hubs across Ireland who have significant potential to **catalyse innovation in their regions**.

By facilitating the **sharing of knowledge and resources** across the network and by **enhancing global connectivity**, we can help to make Ireland a true island of innovation.





Joining the Dots

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Together we can achieve a new era of **regional connectedness** for Ireland's innovation ecosystem.

Entrepreneurs can solve the world's biggest problems and innovation hubs play crucial roles in providing the **support, connections and tools** to help them grow.

We believe that by joining forces and sharing best practice, we can provide a **globally competitive platform** for entrepreneurs and startups to scale.

“Sharing best practice, enhancing connectivity & creating a world-class environment for entrepreneurs enables our Irish startups to unlock untapped potential & accelerate growth into global markets.”

Mary Rodgers

CEO | Portershed



Locally Embedded & Globally Connected

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A Deeply Embedded Ecosystem

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Innovation hubs act as catalysts for Ireland's regional ecosystems where startups, investors, corporates, government, universities can engage on a neutral platform.

Creating a world-class island of innovation hinges on this **ecosystem collaboration** where each sector can feed into, and connect with, regional actors.

Innovation Ecosystem Wheel





Partner Hubs

The network brings together Ireland's best-in-class tech hubs who have significant potential to catalyse innovation in their region.



(Cork)



(Dublin)



(Galway)



(Kerry)



(Cork)



(Belfast)





Portershed | Galway

Considered Ireland's top regional startup innovation hub. Home to over 40 companies and more than 200 entrepreneurs. It is the heart of the Galway innovation District.



Ormeau Baths | Belfast

Entrepreneurs benefit from free passport hotdesking and supports as a way of entering the UK market. Relevant in light of Brexit. Jon Bradford is co-founder.



RDI Hub | Kerry

Ireland's most advanced and largest regional startup hub at 20,000 sq ft. Public Private Partnership with Fexco, IT Tralee and Kerry County Council.



Dogpatch Labs | Dublin

Crunchbase 'top 15 incubators around the world you need to know'. 100 startups, 500 members, 10,000 attend events each year.



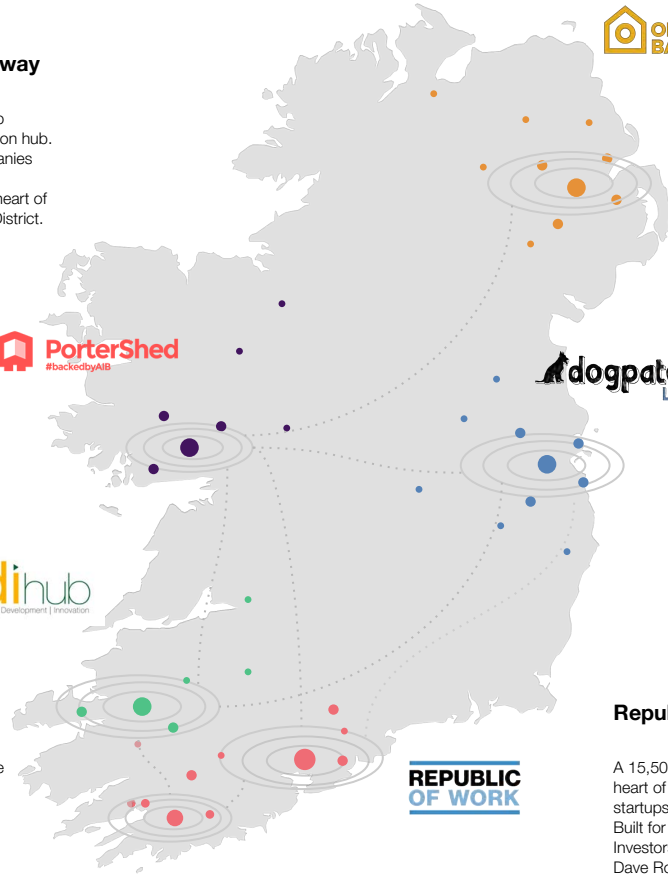
Ludgate | West Cork

Leading EU case study for startup hubs & rural regeneration through digital innovation. Board Members include Anne O'Leary CEO Vodafone, Sean O'Driscoll of Glen Dimplex, Dee Forbes Director General RTE.



Republic of Work | Cork

A 15,500 sq ft innovation campus in the heart of Cork City. Home to 40+ startups and 200 people. Built for entrepreneurs by entrepreneurs. Investors include shipping entrepreneur Dave Ronayne & Voxpro founder Dan Kiely.



“This network will **bridge and empower entrepreneurs** across regions in ways that have not been possible before. Strong networks have always played a major role in the success of businesses that I've been involved with, and our vision here is to **increase and cement Ireland's presence** on the global stage of entrepreneurship, continuing our heritage of consistently punching above our weight.”

Dan Kiely

Director | Republic of Work

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The Summit

Each year, the network holds an annual 'ecosystem builders summit' hosted by a different hub. With each hub given an **equal voice**, ideas to drive innovation across the regions are iterated over workshops, group discussions and whiteboarding sessions.

The groundwork for much of the network's values and propositions were laid out in this way at a **regional hub summit** hosted by Dogpatch Labs in November 2019.



Key Stakeholders and Hub Leaders



Patrick Walsh

CEO



Jon Bradford

Founder



Mary Rodgers

CEO



Dan Kiely

Director



Liam Cronin

CEO



Grainne O'Keeffe

CEO



Maurice O'Gorman

Chairperson



Claire Dowds

General Manager



Meet the Startups

Within Ireland's tech hub network you will find a diverse mix of startups developing solutions in the areas of fintech, agritech, payments, mental health and social enterprise.



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‘Access to a network of expertise’

"RDI Hub gives us the state-of-the-art physical space, cutting edge technology and access to a network of expertise to help and support the expansion of our business."

John McCarthy
Founder | Taxamo

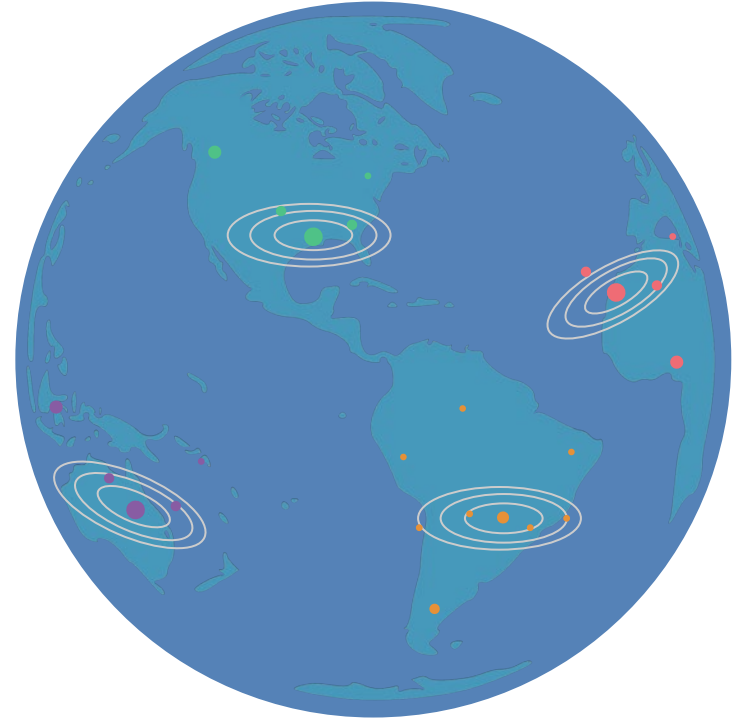
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Globally Connected

Our vision is to make Ireland and its startups **internationally recognised**. To do this we must look outside our island, collaborating with, and learning from, international hubs.

Global best practice and connectivity will help to empower Ireland's entrepreneurs, so that they can compete on the world stage. Being globally great at entrepreneurship will also help solve some of the world's most pressing problems.



Global Best Practice

Our network is inspired by the Google for Startups' global network of tech hubs, of which Dogpatch Labs is a proud member. The GfS network offers entrepreneurs access to global best practice, programmes and mentorship.



“Google remains **deeply committed to Ireland’s entrepreneurial ecosystem** and believes that the whole FDI community can work together with Irish entrepreneurs to help develop a stronger innovation ecosystem in Ireland.”

Paddy Flynn

VP Geo Data Operations

Google



Benefits

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What are the Benefits For Entrepreneurs?

Hub members gain access to a unique combination of entrepreneurial supports including:



Passport Programme

Members get free hotdesking credits in the capital city & all the Irish partner hubs.



Priority Access

Priority access and fast-tracked applications for all startup programmes and events at the hubs.



Access to Resources

Access to curated library of startup information such as playbooks, recorded talks and templates



'The growth opportunities this network gives for **internationally scaling my startup** are phenomenal.'

Aimée-Louise Carton

Founder | KeepAppy

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