

Nominees of the Enterprise Ireland HPSU Founder of the Year Award:

<p>David Whelan</p> 	 <p>Immersive VR Education Ltd is a virtual reality software company dedicated to creating quality educational experiences for all students. Since they opened their doors in October 2014, the company has moved in leaps and bounds, releasing a range of educational experiences and winning seven International awards for their educational software.</p>
<p>Ollie Hynes</p> 	 <p>HUB Controls is an award-winning Irish tech start-up in the home automation/energy management sector. Founded in 2014 by CEO Oliver Hynes, the company launched their first product, a future-proof smart thermostat called the HUB Controller in November 2016.</p>
<p>Liz Fulham</p> 	 <p>SalesOptimize is a B2B eCommerce Market Intelligence and Sales Lead Generation Company. We are mapping the Internet to find all the eCommerce sites e.g Retailers, Hotel, and Travel around the world. We provide a highly innovative sales lead generation tool for business to break into the eCommerce market, which is estimated globally at \$1.9 Trillion. Our data is extracted directly from the Internet.</p>

Tony Judge



Clubs to Hire supplies high end rental golf clubs to golfers who are travelling in Europe and further afield. The service allows golfers to book their preferred set of clubs online and then pick them up at their airport of choice. This is convenient, cheaper than flying your set and allows golfers try out the latest sets to market. The service is available at 23 worldwide golfing locations and the business looked after 75,000 golfers in 2016.

Liam Holton



Future Ticketing is a global provider of digital ticketing and sales enabling software. We provide a cost competitive solution that enables venues and events to sell tickets directly through their own website and social media. Future Ticketing has capacity for events and venues from 100 to 100,000 plus customers.

Eoin O'Broin



Solar AdTek has developed an autonomous self-regulating Solar Power Management System with integrated LED lighting that provides illumination for bus shelters that have no electrical connection. Passenger safety is improved by under-canopy lighting and commercial interests are satisfied by the increase in advertising revenue gained by illuminating the poster displays at night.

Tony McEnroe



SiriusXT has developed and built a bench-top, Soft X-Ray Microscope [SXT100] that is capable of generating high-resolution 3D images of the internal structure of whole biological cells. The SXT100 is built on soft x-ray source technology, which has been developed by two of SiriusXT's co-founders while doing post-doctorate research at UCD and which has been exclusively licensed by the company.

Stephen McGinley



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Pieter Oonk



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