LEAD Network | Store Tour

Key Details

Dublin I Oct 5

Logistics

Monday, 5 October, 12:00–19:00 IST
Meeting Point: Hotel Lobby, Clayton Hotel, Merrion Rd, Ballsbridge, Dublin, D04 P3C3, Ireland

Eligibility

All those interested in learning leading inclusion practices of Retailers in Ireland, starting with visits to Musgrave, Lidl, Jameson Distillery, and M&S.

Lidl

Lidl is Ireland's fastest-growing supermarket retailer, welcoming over 1.5 million weekly shoppers. Lidl Ireland is a major employer with a team of more than 5,500 across 192 stores, Head Office in Tallaght and its regional offices based in Charleville, Mullingar and Newbridge. For the 6th year running, Lidl has been recognised by the Top Employers Institute as a Top Employer for 2026. Lidl Ireland was named the #1 Value for Money organisation in the Ireland RepTrak® 2026 study and ranked Most Sustainable Retailer in the Ireland RepTrak® Sustainability Index 2025. Lidl Ireland continues to trailblaze with industry-leading employee benefits.

Aungier Street Store, Dublin City Centre, D02 YD68
During construction, major archaeological remains were uncovered beneath the store, including a 1050s church foundation, a 1070s sunken structure, and a 1700s theatre. In partnership with Dublin City Council, these were preserved and exhibited under the store floor using reinforced toughened glass, specialised lighting, and tailored ventilation.

M&S

M&S's vision is to be the most trusted retailer, committed to doing the right thing for customers, communities, and colleagues. It offers a wide range of M&S Food, and Fashion, Home and Beauty products across stores in the UK and Ireland, through international franchise partners, and online.

Unit 1, Liffey Valley Shopping Centre, Fonthill Road
M&S Liffey Valley serves customers across Dublin and the surrounding region, offering a range of M&S Food and Fashion, Home and Beauty products. In 2022, the flagship store underwent a €10m "Renewal" modernisation project, expanding the store footprint by 25%. The renewed Foodhall features a fresh, market style layout with a new in-store bakery, cheese barge, sushi bar, and M&S Wine Shop. The Fashion, Home and Beauty departments were transformed with a modern beauty hall, digital checkouts, and an expanded range of M&S value products. The store currently employs 195 colleagues and serves 30,000 customers weekly.

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Musgrave

Musgrave is one of Europe's most successful family owned businesses, with a 150-year heritage in food and brand innovation. It feeds one in three people in Ireland daily through 19 market leading brands including SuperValu, Centra, Frank and Honest, and Musgrave MarketPlace. Musgrave MarketPlace works with over 700 Irish suppliers, stocking over 2,500 Irish products.

Musgrave MarketPlace / Food Emporium, Ballymun, Dublin 11
A B2B F&B wholesaling destination. Following a €2.5m upgrade, Ballymun Food Emporium features expanded F&B zones and a Food Theatre for product demos, menu planning, and customer training.

Jameson Distillery & Pernod Ricard

Jameson is part of Irish Distillers, home to some of Ireland's most renowned whiskeys and a member of the Pernod Ricard Group. As one of the world's leading premium spirits companies, Pernod Ricard brings together iconic brands such as Absolut Vodka, Chivas Regal, The Glenlivet and Havana Club, combining heritage, craftsmanship and innovation to create memorable consumer experiences around the world.

Bow St., Smithfield, Dublin 7
A 45-minute guided tour through the original Home of Jameson, tracing 18th century Dublin whiskey making through to today's craft. Includes a complimentary Jameson drink on arrival, a comparative tasting of three Jameson whiskeys, and a Jameson signature cocktail.

Co-Host: Newton

Newton partners with organisations across retail, consumer goods, infrastructure, defence and the public sector to unlock complexity and deliver lasting impact from resilient supply chains to step-changing organisational performance. Over its 25-year history, Newton has helped a major retailer increase profitability by 300%, delivered £1bn+ in savings on a major defence programme, and delivered £1bn+ in savings across public-service organisations. Newton is so confident in its approach that it guarantees its fees against delivering measurable outcomes, a rare commercial model in its field.

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