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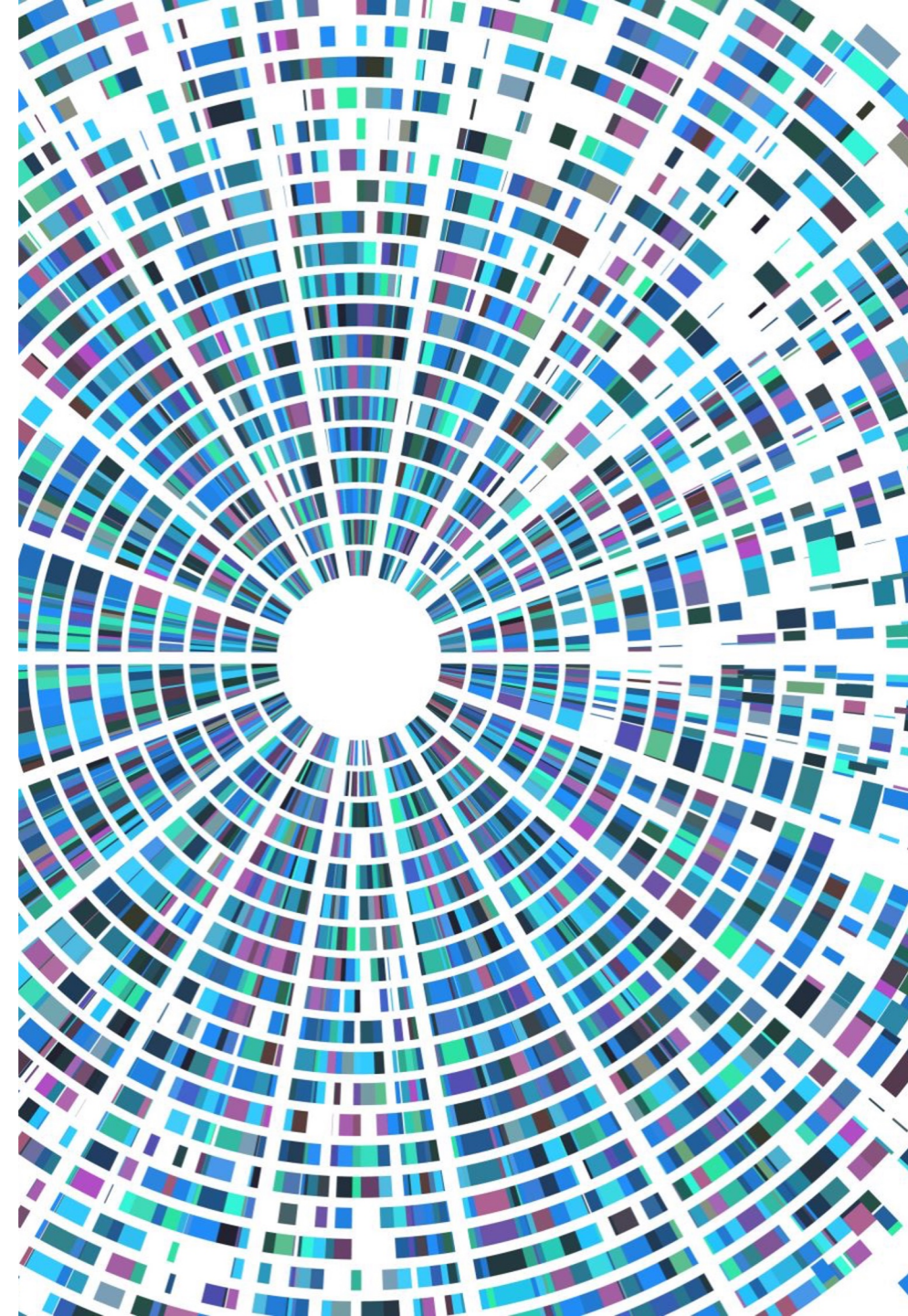
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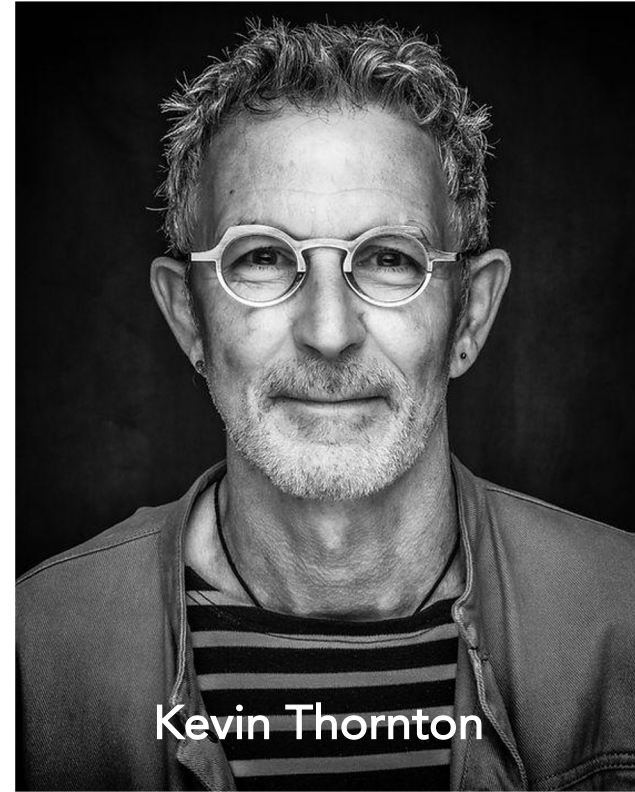
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Chef recruitment firm says hospitality is 'crippled' due to staff shortages

We Have Chefs aims to fill gaps in kitchens around Ireland, but says delays processing work permits from outside the EU are hampering its business

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28th February, 2022



Paddy Lynn, the co-founder of We Have Chefs, right, said delays processing work permit applications were causing major staffing issues in the hospitality industry. Picture: Bryan Meade

A new Irish hospitality business has called on the government to fast-track work permit applications for non-EU chefs to help the "crippled" industry recover from the pandemic.

We Have Chefs, a company which recruits chefs from south-east Asia and finds them work in Irish kitchens, has written to the government asking for dozens of work permits to be expedited, as the businesses across the sector struggle to find staff.

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WE HAVE CHEFS: Irish brothers' new business addresses international shortage of kitchen staff

Kitchen staff are in short supply

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A NEW business has emerged in response to the shortage of labour in the h industry.

WeHaveChefs recruits chefs from southeast Asia and places them where they're kitchens of restaurants across Ireland and Britain.

The chefs are all trained to international standard, ranging from Chef de Partie t Head Chef.

WeHaveChefs has been set up by brothers Paddy and Rowan Lynn who have ext knowledge in the hospitality trade.

Both lads are English-born, Paddy in Oxford and Rowan in Colchester, to a count mother, who hails from Camlough.

The boys moved back to Ireland as toddlers where they were brought up.



Paddy Lynn co-founder of WeHaveChefs. Pic: Bryan Meade 13/07/2022



Paddy Lynn, chief executive of We Have Chefs, said there is a shortage of around 10,000 chefs countrywide. Picture: Bryan Meade

Call for chefs to be included on critical skills list

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A drought of chefs: What it now takes to staff an Irish kitchen

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Your ref: P00025/22
Mr Patrick Lynn
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Dear Mr Lynn,

The Committee Secretariat working with the Joint Committee on Public Petitions acknowledges receipt of your petition entitled "Add Chefs to the Critical Skills list now; to save Irish Hospitality."

Your Petition reference number is P00025/22, your petition is currently being processed by our Petitions Case Manager, and we will be in contact with you in due course.

Yours sincerely,


Susan Moran
Petitions Case Manager
27 April 2022

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The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, in conjunction with the Skills and Labour Market Research Unit, SOLAS, provides the EGFSN with research and analysis support.


What do we do?

- We advise Government on projected skills requirements at national and sectoral levels and make recommendations on how best to address identified needs.
- We make recommendations on how existing education and training systems and delivery mechanisms might be adapted to better effect. Also the role that enterprise can play in the shaping up of the skills of their workforce.
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