

Dear Clients & Contacts,

Please note that our office is now open as normal and we have adhered to all the safety guidelines in place. Please find attached the slides from Economist Jim Power looking at the global economic impact and also in an Irish context which may be of interest to you.

Our **Kinsale Digital Hub**, we have just recently upgraded. It looks quite modern and is safe and clean. It is now back open for business and we would like to offer our clients a free trial for a day. It normally costs €20.00 per day, per desk and we would like to offer you a **free trial** as a client of Fitzgerald & Partners if you would like to pop in and try it out for a day (Subject to availability as is getting booked up again) . So please just hook up with Linda if you would like to avail of this free trial. Link attached : https://www.fitzgeraldandpartners.com/business_innovationhub.asp

We were delighted to be featured in the latest Virgin Media #BackingBusiness campaign. We assume at this stage that you have availed of all the relevant supports that are there. If you need a hand in accessing any of these, please contact our team. Whether it is the rates re-start grant, SBCI tickets, the wage subsidy scheme etc. Some of these are very useful in terms of helping businesses to adapt and remodel accordingly. For some you need an up to date tax clearance cert. If you would like us to apply for an up to date tax clearance cert please let us know.

I have been working here myself for the last 10 or 11 weeks. Our team were working remotely from home digitally and now our team are all back in the office, it's fully compliant with health and safety and our office is once again open to the public as normal. We look forward to working with you. Thankfully our service levels remained uninterrupted in that period and we have harnessed the power of technology to make our processes more efficient. For your safety we are doing most work via phone and email and will resume client meetings shortly but happy to do via Zoom in the interim. Thanks to my excellent team for all their work.

From talking to some other Practitioners on a SME/SMP forum, the most popular supports at the moment that seem to be working well nationwide are (a) the tax wage subsidy scheme which is now extended to August. It is quite complex and we are at version 15 of guidance notes but it is working effectively and (b) the rate re-start grant, that in some counties, they have already started paying these out which is helpful if you are a rates payer. So they seem to be the most popular supports thus far, practically speaking. Some of the Rates restart grants will be paid out this week we understand.

We have received positive feedback on our Ezines to keep in contact with our clients on a regular basis in the pandemic. As we now enter the reopening of businesses there are a new set of challenges and we look forward to supporting you in this.