

**Press Release**  
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## **ESF to distribute new hand washing station**

***Environmental Street Furniture has been appointed as the UK sales and distribution partner for a new practical but multifaceted portable hand washing station which has the potential to help protect many consumers against coronavirus.***

Developed by Northern Ireland manufacturing company Jans Composites, the new HydroPod product is a portable hand washing station that can be dropped into any location without the need for a constant water or power supply.

It is the brainchild of Jans Composites CEO Ronan Hamill and came about after various supermarket shopping trips where he found the use of alcohol-based hand gel unpleasant. After talking to friends and colleagues who felt the same way, Ronan wondered what was wrong with just washing your hands with soap and water, after all, that was the government message.



Ronan Hamill explains: "For me the idea was simple, why do we need a hand sanitising unit, why can we not just wash our hands. I came into work, briefed my colleagues and as a team we set about the design, the development and then the manufacture of a portable handwashing station which can be dropped into any location to service any organisation in any sector.

"The team has been exceptional and really risen to the challenge I set them in terms of design and manufacture. I'm delighted with the HydroPod, I wanted it to be a simple handwashing station which was sophisticated in design and delivery and could operate

anywhere, inside or outside a building.

"From an antibacterial gel coat on the GRP (glass reinforced plastic) to programmable sensor taps and a hands-free paper towel dispenser, water filters, polycarbonate screens which are vandal resistant, sink and dispenser heights, adjustable to comply with wheelchair regulation, this modular station has many practical and easy to clean features."

Ronan is convinced that behaviours like washing hands more often will remain long after the Covid pandemic has gone. "Businesses can't keep using expensive gels for customers and the cumulative use of them has got to have a detrimental effect on people's skin. This makes much more sense."

The HydroPod will provide an alternative to many sanitising units and Jans Composites and ESF envisage it being used in shopping malls, theme parks, sports grounds, schools and anywhere that handwashing is a pre-requisite to entering a facility.

Ronan added: "We are delighted to team up with Alan Lowry and ESF as our sales and distribution partner. We believe that this is an excellent fit for us and the product."

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