



Jacqueline O'Donovan, managing director of O'Donovan Waste Disposal, has been named as the Institute of Directors (IoD) Director of the Year in the family business category at the annual awards event.

Taking place in an online format this year, the awards ceremony was streamed from the IoD's headquarters on Pall Mall. This particular award recognises individuals in family businesses who have responded to the specific challenges that face directors in family companies and who have contributed to the success of the diverse, dynamic and innovative family business sector.

The judging panel of respected industry leaders of the IoD's London, South and Southwest region recognised Jacqueline for being at the forefront of leadership excellence, her contributions to sustainability and business excellence as well as her collaboration with the wider industry encouraging safety and best practice. The judges commented of Jacqueline, "An amazing story of determination, drive, focus and passion – a clear business leader in a male dominated industry."

Jacqueline O'Donovan commented: I'm absolutely delighted and honoured to receive the Family Business Director of the Year Award. With over five million family businesses in the UK and with the diverse nature of my role, it makes this achievement even more special. Most notably at such a time of great change for business and society, when navigating through uncharted waters with enterprise and responsible leadership has never been more important."

O'Donovan Waste Disposal is a waste management business, specialising in construction and demolition waste, with an excellent reputation as a trusted company, offering waste

management and recycling services. Led by Jacqueline, the award-winning company champions a range of ongoing innovative initiatives that prioritises staff wellbeing, health and safety, training and environmental excellence, demonstrating a top-down commitment to best practice and is widely regarded as an industry leader. She has grown the business to a £20m SME, operating a fleet of 100 lorries and employing a workforce of 185 people.

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