

## Trailblazer Jacqueline O'Donovan takes home a Forward Ladies Award

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Jacqueline O'Donovan, MD of O'Donovan Waste Disposal added another trophy to her cabinet recently when she was presented with the Mentor of the Year award at the Forward Ladies (FL) Awards in London and the South East. Jacqueline was selected for her track record in mentoring and developing future leaders of the waste, construction and logistics sectors whilst also taking a strong stance on encouraging diversity and inclusion.

The FL National Awards & Summit recognise the achievements of businesswomen in the UK who are dedicated to encouraging the growth of women and celebrate the achievements of successful women across the UK.

Jacqueline has long been recognised as an industry leader and has several awards under her belt for her outstanding accomplishments and leadership which has seen the family business O'Donovan Waste become one of London and the South East's leading waste management companies which employs 165 staff and operates a fleet of 95 lorries.

Forward Ladies CEO Griselda Togobo said: "Jacqueline is a genuine inspiration and role-model for women. An undisputed leader and 'disruptor' in a male-dominated industry, Jacqueline is one of the waste and construction sectors' most influential trailblazers - passionately advocating for road-safety and best-practice, she has championed improved standards, resulting in a safer and more responsible sector."

Jacqueline commented " I am delighted to receive this award for mentoring as it is something I not only enjoy doing and I am passionate about it. At the moment there is such economic uncertainty and it is important to continue to encourage others into our industry sectors so we can offer guidance and direction whilst navigating the current business climate."

Currently celebrating its 60th year in business, O'Donovan Waste Disposal is one of London's leading independent waste management companies with a turnover of £21m, a fleet of 95 HGVs and employing a workforce of 165. A dynamic business specialising in construction and demolition waste, O'Donovan has earned an excellent reputation as a trusted company that crosses over a number of different sectors, offering total waste management and recycling

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solutions. The family-run, 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 within the sector as an industry leader.

O'Donovan is passionate about the waste industry and about working as safely and sustainably as possible and has an array of impressive accreditations demonstrating their competent and ethical practices. The company is a Construction Logistics and Community Safety (CLOCS) Champion and Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS) Gold operator (held for over eight consecutive years).

O'Donovan has invested heavily in waste processing and ensures the maximum is recycled or re-used. Recycled aggregates are produced using state-of-the-art equipment, as per the WRAP quality protocol before going on to be reused in construction and infrastructure projects. All of its recycled materials come with a British Standard quality certification demonstrating excellence and commitment to the circular economy and recycling 100% of all waste.

O'Donovan is fervent advocate of road safety and best practice, delivering training modules in house as the HQ is a certified training centre, approved by JAUPT (DCPC) and British Safety Council (BSC).

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