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- RENTAUS

About Me

Jacqueline O'Donovan OBE is a globally acclaimed serial entrepreneur, health and safety, sustainability advocate, and philanthropist. As former Managing Director of O'Donovan Waste, she transformed a family business into an award-winning, multi-million-pound enterprise, culminating in a successful sale to a Swedish conglomerate in 2023. That same year, she was honoured by King Charles III with an OBE (Order of the British Empire) for her services to recycling, safety, and industry.

A trailblazer in waste management, Jacqueline's leadership has redefined the construction, waste, safety and environmental standards, while her advocacy in health and road safety has earned widespread recognition. Today, she leads various enterprises including ODPR, a niche PR and marketing agency supporting construction and logistics brands, and is expanding her portfolio through new ventures.

Decorated with awards across business including PwC Business Women of Year, Entrepreneur of the Year and Women of the Decade, Jacqueline continues to champion sustainability, safety, and social progress on a global stage.

Speaking Rates

UK - In Person	GBP. £5,000
Euro - In Person	EURO. €11,500
USA - In Person	USD. \$20,000
Virtual	GBP. £3-5,000

Reach



15K
LinkedIn Reach



10K
Likes Average



300K
Impressions

Countries

United Kingdom	United States
Ireland	Netherlands

RAVE REVIEWS

RENATUS

"Absolutely brilliant, what a **force of nature** you are."



"Your expertise and insights were truly brilliant, both **engaging and informative**."



"I can't wait to get you back, best podcast I have done, **what a laugh!**"



AWARDS



SIGNATURE KEYNOTES



KEYNOTE ONE

FAMILY BUSINESS

The power of shared values and strong communication

As the youngest of four and the only female MD in London's waste management sector, I've led a multimillion-pound family business through a construction recession, financial crash, Brexit, and COVID-19—remaining profitable, award-winning, and a leader in health, safety, and sustainability. Built on resilience, I champion the power of communication, shared values, agility, and unwavering belief to scale a family business; not just to survive, but to thrive and prepare for a successful exit when the time is right.

KEYNOTE TWO

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Turning waste crisis Into sustainable opportunity

Waste is no longer just an industry issue - it's a global crisis, and the construction and demolition sector is at a tipping point. This isn't just a presentation; it's a wake-up call for business owners to confront the harsh reality of outdated, unsustainable waste practices. Our oceans and ecosystems are interconnected, and by ignoring innovative solutions, we're missing the chance to turn waste into value. Join me as we cut through the noise, challenge the status quo, and lead the shift toward a resilient, sustainable future for our businesses, our planet, and the generations to come.

KEYNOTE THREE

LEADING WITH IMPACT

Leadership. Grit. Purpose. Against all odds.

Leadership is not for the faint-hearted, especially as a woman in a male-dominated industry. It's a relentless pursuit of resilience, authenticity, and the courage to break barriers that were never yours to begin with. Thriving in this space demands self-confidence, emotional intelligence, and the ability to embrace both strength and vulnerability while challenging the status quo. Effective communication becomes your superpower, enabling you to inspire, lead with clarity, and welcome all voices into the conversation. True leadership lies in adaptability, empathy, and the strength to stand firm while uplifting others, proving that impact has no gender, only purpose.

BIOGRAPHY

Jacqueline O'Donovan OBE is a globally recognised entrepreneur, sustainability advocate, and philanthropist known for her transformative contributions to the waste management industry and her commitment to environmental progress. Over her 38-year tenure as Managing Director of O'Donovan Waste, she transformed the family business into a multi-million-pound enterprise, earning a reputation as a leading expert in addressing health, safety and environmental challenges as a result of poor waste management and pollution.

In 2023, Jacqueline successfully sold O'Donovan Waste to a Swedish conglomerate, marking a significant milestone in her career. That same year, she was awarded an OBE in King Charles III's Birthday Honour list for her outstanding services to recycling, safety, and industry. Her innovative leadership and dedication to improving training and education in waste management have proven her as a trailblazer in driving global efforts to reduce humanity's environmental footprint.

Jacqueline's advocacy extends beyond waste management. She has been a vocal proponent of improved health and safety practices, both within the workplace and on the roads, earning notable accolades for her impactful campaigns. Her influence as a safety advocate is widely recognised and celebrated across the construction, logistics, and related sectors.

Most recently, Jacqueline launched ODPR, a PR and marketing agency dedicated to supporting businesses in the construction, construction supply chain, and logistic industries. Through ODPR, she aims to bring innovative strategies and trusted partnerships to these sectors, reinforcing her commitment to responsible business practices and industry excellence.

Jacqueline is rapidly merging into the serial entrepreneurial world having invested in an employment initiative start up focusing on over 55's, as well as a female supplement, and soon a first to market concept of breast flow monitoring technology.

Jacqueline's leadership has been recognised by numerous accolades, including twice named Director of the Year by the Institute of Directors, receiving the PwC Private Businesswoman of the Year award, the Growing Business Awards Entrepreneur of the Year, and being a National Finalist for the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

A resolute philanthropist, Jacqueline's contributions have been honoured by the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins, with a Presidential Distinguished Service Award., the highest award achievable in Ireland. Her philanthropic efforts reflect her unwavering commitment to giving back to the community, culture and driving meaningful change.

Through her entrepreneurial ventures and advocacy, Jacqueline O'Donovan continues to inspire a global commitment to sustainability, responsible business practices, and philanthropy, leaving a legacy of environmental and social impact.

MY AUDIENCE



RECENT COUNTRIES

United Kingdom
Ireland
Netherlands
United States
Spain



RECENT COUNTRIES

London
Birmingham
Rotterdam
Dublin
Barcelona



15k

LinkedIn Followers

10k

Likes Average

300k

Impressions

3.7%

Engagement

SECTOR EXPERTISE

Sustainability • Family Businesses • Entrepreneurship • Women in Business • Health & Safety

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Jacqueline O'Donovan OBE is recognised as an innovator and a leading force as one of the most influential trailblazers in the waste, logistics, transport, and construction industries.

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Expertise

- Waste Management
- Recycling
- Built Environment
- Health and Safety
- Construction
- Demolition
- Business Management
- Business Finance
- Human Resources
- Training
- Fleet Management
- Logistics
- PR
- Marketing
- Scaling a Business
- M&A
- Exiting Strategy
- Diversity & Inclusion
- ESG
- CSR
- Sustainability

Experience

2024 - To Date

Serial Entrepreneur

Embarking on a new chapter, pioneering initiatives, ventures, and investments, following the sale and exit of O'Donovan Waste.

1988 - 2023

Managing Director

O'Donovan Waste

Disposal Limited

- Developing and executing tactical business strategies and operating plans that reflect the short, medium and longer-term goals and priorities of the company as well as its profitable growth.
- Maintaining positive and trust-based relationships with business partners, customers, stakeholders, professional bodies, and associations.
- Building and enhancing the company's public profile in the media, at events, meetings, speaking engagements, presentations etc.
- Overseeing the company's business operations, financial performance, investments, and projects.
- Establishing company policy for health and safety ensuring all employees and contractors own their individual responsibility.
- Forming strategic financial planning and budgets.
- Supervising, developing, guiding, supporting and delegating executives and the management team in their duties.
- Embedding operating objectives and standards of performance with the management and wider team.
- Chair management meetings, building, motivating, and supporting an effective executive team.



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Honours and Awards

- Order of the British Empire (OBE) awarded by His Majesty King Charles III
- Freedom of the City of London – Worshipful Company of Carmen
- Presidential Distinguished Service Award for the Irish Abroad presented by Irish President
- Family Director of the Year Award - IoD
- Outstanding Woman in Construction Award 2016
- Constructing Excellence Achiever of the Year 2016
- Outstanding Commitment to Innovation Award - British Irish Trading Alliance 2016
- Businesswoman of the Year 2016 - Vitalise
- 'Most inspiring Businesswoman' Award 2016 - Best Women
- Irish World Award for Commitment to Cyclist' Safety
- Leader of the Year Award 2017 - Women in Logistics
- Industry Champion Award 2017 - FTA Everywoman in Transport and Logistics Awards
- Woman of the Decade in Enterprise and Leadership - Women's Economic Forum
- UK Private Businesswoman of the Year 2018 - PwC National Private Business Awards
- Outstanding Female Entrepreneur - Best Business Awards
- Building Magazine Female Leadership Award - Building Awards
- Business Woman of the Year - The National Women's Business Awards
- Business Woman of the Year Award - SME National Business Awards
- London and Southeast Mentor of the Year 2019 - Forward Ladies Awards
- Entrepreneur of the Year 2019 - Growing Business Awards
- National Finalist 2020 Growing Business Top 20 SME leaders - EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award
- Family Business Director of the Year - IoD Awards
- Growing Business Top 20 SME UK Leader
- Silver Woman in Construction - National Business and Construction Awards
- The "David Jamieson" Award - Institute of Couriers
- Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Dedication and Leadership to the Transport Sector - The Worshipful Company of Carmen
- Business Leader of the Year - Global Irish Diaspora Award – Winner 2023



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Qualifications

- Business Sustainability Management - Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL) University of Cambridge
- Master's Degree in Demolition Management – University of Wolverhampton
- Level 3 Certificate in Occupational Health & Safety, National General Certificate - National Examination Board in Occupational Safety & Health (NEBOSH)
- NVQ Level 4 in Waste Management Operations Managing Transfer of Non-Hazardous Bio-degradable Waste - Waste Management Industry Training and Advisory Board (WAMITAB)
- NVQ Level 4 in Waste Management Operations, Managing Treatment of Hazardous Waste - Waste Management Industry Training and Advisory Board (WAMITAB)
- Certificate of Professional Competence in International Road Haulage Operations (in accordance with Directive (EEC) 74561) - RSA
- Working Time Directive in Road Transport - Road Haulage Association (RHA)
- NVQ Level 2 Certificate of Safety Compliance - ASET
- Certificate in Risk Assessment - Business Training & Solutions (BTAS)
- Certificate in Drivers' Hours & Tachograph Management - Road Haulage Association (RHA)
- Certificate in Contracts of Employment - Arbitration and Conciliation Service (ACAS)
- Certificate in Recycling for Sustainability - Middlesex University
- Certificate of Achievement – Recycling for Sustainability - CESMB
- Certificate in Aggregates Quality Protocol Good Practice Workshop - WRAP
- Certificate in Health & Safety in The Workplace - Chartered Institute of Environmental Health
- Certificate in Duty to Manage & Asbestos Awareness - NATAS Training
- Certified Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme FORS Practitioner - FORS
- Certificate of Transfer of Knowledge - FORS
- Certificate of In-House Drivers Hours & Daily Walk Around Check Training Seminar - RHA
- Certificate in Managing Your Operators Licence - RHA
- Certificate of Attendance, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum Keynote Seminar - Westminster Forum Projects
- Certificate in Fire Safety/Fire Risk Assessment - Fire Services Safety Partnership



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Qualifications

- Certificate in Discipline & Grievance - Arbitration and Conciliation Service (ACAS)
- Certificate in Information & Consultation - Arbitration & Conciliation Service (ACAS)
- Certificate in A New Approach - Arbitration and Conciliation Service (ACAS)
- Certificate in Drug & Alcohol Awareness & Workplace Screening Procedures - Drug-Aware
- Certificate in Hazardous Waste Regulations - CIWM
- Certificate in Hazardous Waste Classification & Coding - CIWM

Memberships

- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Waste Management
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Logistic and Transport
- Fellow of the Chartered International Institute of Risk and Safety Management
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Highway and Transport
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Couriers
- Fellow of the Quantity Surveyors Institute



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