

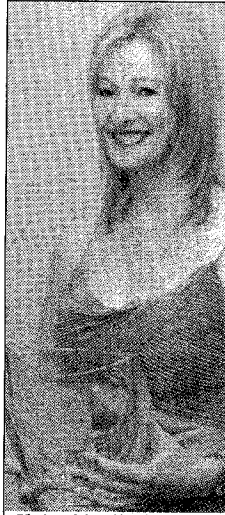


Skerries Local Surpasses Competition!

Skerries-based founder of 'Surpass Consulting', Claire O' Callaghan was recently delighted to scoop a major enterprise award at the Network Ireland 'Business Women of the Year' Awards. Claire, founder and Managing Director with Surpass, a leadership training and consultancy company, was presented with the 'Entrepreneur of the Year' trophy in the New Business Category. Network Ireland celebrates its 25th anniversary this year and is a networking organisation for women in business, the professions, industry, trades, government departments and the arts. With twelve branches around the country, there was stiff competition within the new business category, but Claire and Surpass shone amidst the other entries to claim the judges' top marks.

Speaking immediately after the awards ceremony, a delighted Claire said: "It is a great honour to have won the New Business Category with Network Ireland,

especially as there were so many 'up and coming' entrepreneurs in my category. I hope that the recognition that this award brings, will help to put Surpass on the corporate map in the years to come."



Claire O' Callaghan

Although Surpass is a newly established business, it already boasts an impressive client list, including the County and City Enterprise Boards, the Law Society of Ireland and well-known entrepreneur and star of 'The Apprentice', Bill Cullen from the Europa Academy. An associate trainer with the Irish Management Institute and a qualified Business Psychologist, Claire also ran her own successful IT software company for twelve years, managing a team of over fifty people in Ireland and the US.

Speaking about her new venture, Claire concluded: "At Surpass, our goal is to equip people with the knowledge, skills and tools to become better leaders and performers in the workplace and I'm thoroughly enjoying that challenge."