

Directors honoured in Welsh business awards

FOUR Gwent directors were among Wales' top business directors honoured at the fifth IoD Wales Director of the Year Awards.

Lloyd Davies, managing director at Convey Law in Newport, was named winner of the Director for Leadership in Corporate Responsibility award category.

He said: "I am delighted to have won, it's a great honour. As a company we have worked hard to raise over £250,000 for charities and create a fundraising culture; this award is recognition of all our hard work."

Peter O'Toole, CEO at Newport-based retail-merchandising business RMS, was named Director of the Year in a Medium/Large Business.

Peter said "I am absolutely delighted to have won this award on the ten-year anniversary of the company. It is a fantastic achievement and truly a team effort.

"My biggest achievement of the last ten months has been beating cancer. I got married last August and found out I had cancer the next day. This is my first day out since, and to win this is a massive achievement. I dedicate this award to my wife Polly; none of

this would have been possible without her."

Richard Selby, a director at Caldicot-based Pro Steel Engineering was shortlisted in the Director in a Family Business category, while Liz Maher, director of Centurion VAT Specialists in Newport, was shortlisted in the Small Business category.

Dr Cymru's CEO Chris Jones was given the accolade of the Chairman's Award in honour of the key role he has played in the creation and development of one of the most innovative and beneficial economic structures Wales, and the UK, have seen.

Robert Lloyd Griffiths, director of IoD in Wales, said: "Today has been a fantastic celebration of talent from up and down Wales. It is inspiring to see so many business leaders, all of whom have demonstrated character, determination, innovation and a sheer enthusiasm for their businesses to achieve as much as they have.

"The IoD is about good business and good governance and all of those shortlisted here today have demonstrated these attributes in spades. Businesses like those represented at the awards contribute to the economy every day."



Lady Barbara Judge, chairman, IoD, with Peter O'Toole, RMS, and Lloyd Davies, Convey Law

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