



Honours for leaders at annual IoD Wales director awards

WALES' leading business directors were honoured at the fifth IoD Wales Director of the Year Awards held at Cardiff's Swalec Stadium yesterday.

Welsh Water Dwr Cymru's chief executive 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.

IoD Wales chairman Huw Roberts said: "It is hard to imagine, but Chris and his team have actually delivered significantly more money into the Welsh economy than even European Objective One funds.

And it works in a highly progressive way, directly helping some of Wales's most disadvantaged families."

Cardiff Business School was once

again headline sponsors of the annual awards, where Business Minister Edwina Hart and Lady Barbara Judge, the first female chair, of the IoD were guests of honour.

Peter O'Toole chief executive of Newport-based retail-merchandising business RMS took the director in a medium/large business award.

Gemma Richards of SA Flyers in Swansea won the young director of the Year title was Gemma Richards.

Dan Berry, operations director at Cardiff digital agency and Sitecore partner Kagool, formerly Fusion-workshop, was named director in a small business.

Rhian Bowen-Davies, CEO of Calan DVS in Neath, was named top director in a social enterprise or charity.

Stuart Kevin Jones, assistant chief officer of Mid and West Wales Fire



► Chris Jones, chief executive of Dwr Cymru Welsh Water

and Rescue, won the public sector director award.

Karen Hutchings, managing director of Goose Island, took the director

in a family business award. Lloyd Davies, managing director at Convey

Law in Newport, took the director for leadership in corporate responsibility award.

ty award. Sean Taylor, from Zip World in Bangor, took the talent and innovation award.

Huw Lewis, managing director Military Preparation College, Cardiff, won the director's award.

Robert Lloyd Griffiths, director of IoD in Wales, said: "This 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."