

Business Gateway hold International Women's Day event at City Chambers

To celebrate International Women's Day Business Gateway Edinburgh held an event at the City Chambers.

Marie Owen, the CEO and owner of LS Productions, which is the UK's largest film production company, shared her inspiring story starting the business, following a career as a flight attendant.

The company now has 28 staff in offices in Leith, which continues to be its headquarters and all over the world.

Marie said: "I was absolutely delighted to be asked to speak at the Business Gateway Edinburgh's International Women's Day event and hope that my story and learnings will encourage others to believe that with a little bit of hard work, common sense and determination, anything is possible!

There was a panel discussion with three business owners, Stephanie Foulds, founder of The Eco Larder, Nina Falk founder of Kalopsia Collective and Suzie Millar founder of Scottish Bee Company all talking about building a sustainable business and the circular economy.

Susan Harkins, Head of Business Gateway Edinburgh, said: "Today was a fantastic celebration of women coming together to support each other in business and hear from inspiring women who all make an incredible impact on the economy.

“It was wonderful to hear from our keynote speaker Marie Owen, founder of LS Productions and our three panellists, Nina, Stephanie and Suzie on their incredible business journey’s and the invaluable learnings along the way.”



Marie Owen CEO of LS Productions with Susan Harkins Head of Business Gateway Scotland

Cllr Kate Campbell, Housing and Economy Convener, attended the event. She said: “I truly believe that one of the most important things we can do, as women to support each other, is to listen and share our experiences.

“Today we heard from inspiring and successful women in business and social enterprise in the capital.

“We must continue to celebrate ambition in women and demonstrate the positive change that ambitious women can make – and events like today do just that.”

At the inaugural event last year First Minister Nicola Sturgeon launched the Women in Business Growth Programme which 36 entrepreneurs from all business sectors have now completed. Applications are now open for the next course designed to support women grow their business and develop skills such as pitching for investment and leadership strategy which begins on 22 August 2020. Email sally.clark@bgateway.com



Susan Harkins third from the left with some of the panel