



Short Profile

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I started my company in 1992 only by chance and on an idea. I had inherited some money from my father after he passed away at the young age of 58. Being himself built a company from nothing, I was always exposed to entrepreneurship. This also continued with my husband's work in property development and management.

The company was set up together with my sister. I started off with looking at opportunities and availability of proper waste management in Malta and there was very little. At that time it was quite difficult to achieve in Malta what other older member states had already achieved as standards, due to Malta not being an EU member as well as due to political reasons. The company started operations in May of 1992, with many a time long hours of hard work, joys and disappointments. We did everything that had to be done- office work, marketing, meeting prospective clients, spraying skips, delivering products, going on waste collection rounds with the driver and a million other things. But that was in 1992 with 2 trucks and 10 skips. Today we have a few more, our own 8,000sq. mtr waste management facility, and 32 employees to assist in the different services we offer and our company- GREEN SKIP GROUP being the foremost private, waste management company in Malta. Being a woman in this male dominated sector was difficult in the beginning but not for long, as the male counterparts started realising that we too could do the job and do it in an innovative manner. The work includes import and sale of environmental products, waste collection, hazardous waste collection and export, export of recyclable, recovered material, clinical waste management, research with other companies on possible uses of reclaimed material, etc etc.

Waste Management and environmental sector services are so diverse and dynamic, with new methods, products and equipment being developed all the time, this not to mention the EU Directives pertaining to this sector as well as the environmental laws and regulations set out by the respective country- Malta. It has not been easy as I had to balance out with four children and a husband. Today I am considered an expert in this sector! I am a member of the environment committee of the Malta Chamber of Enterprise and Industry, was a Vice President of Federation of Industry Environment Committee for several years, Co Ordinator of the Environment Committee, Executive Council member and Vice President of the National Council of Women and contributor at several seminars, talks and courses.

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