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# The Greater Manchester Business Awards 2019

Perhaps one of the most difficult categories to judge this year was the Business Person of the Year.

The winner had to stand out from many fantastic entrants showing an exemplary level of leadership and skill in all aspects of running their business.

The winner this year was Nicola Fleury, Managing Director and Owner of the Kidzrus chain of private day nurseries.

We spoke to Nicola to find out more about her business and what she thought of winning the award:

**Nicola, congratulations on winning the business person of the year award. How did you feel when you heard you had been successful?**

"I was amazed, to be honest! It was the first time we'd entered an Award outside of the Nursery Sector and we were thrilled to have even been shortlisted.

"Our expertise in our field is something we are proud of but we weren't sure how it would compare in the general business arena. I know that the other finalists were all great business figures, so given all that - plus being the only woman shortlisted - I'm sure you can see why when we won we were surprised - and thrilled!"

**Did you enjoy the evening? Obviously this was a personal award, so was anyone else there with you?**

"It was a great night, there were other people there we knew personally as well as professionally, which was nice.

"And we really are a team. It might



Nicola Fleury with the Kidzrus Team!

be my vision but I know it could never happen without the amazing colleagues and family members who work hard and do such a great job, every day.

I was really pleased that I could share the evening's wonderful events with my family and staff - the Kidzrus team!"

**How long has Kidzrus been going? Tell us a bit about your background?**

"Well, I was born and grew up in Salford and I am very proud of where I came from. I started a childminding business in 2005, working from home - with the vision of one day having my own chain of nurseries.

"I took it one day at a time though, as I am passionate about the wellbeing of the children and that always comes first - it can't be rushed."

**There is obviously a lot to think about when opening a nursery and it's a big responsibility, how did you manage to grow your business?**

"I was always ambitious - but I kept my principles and concern for doing the right thing at the top of my mind, and that laid the foundations for the growth of the Kidzrus Nursery Group.

"Safeguarding, wellbeing, partnerships; these aren't just things I talk about, they are what me and my Teams all live, every day, and they are the key to our vision.

"My desire to extend this ethos is what's helped me develop five nurseries across Greater Manchester in MediaCityUK, Irlam, Eccles, and two sites in Swinton. "I now have 80 staff, and offer 350 childcare places."

**Do you have anything to say to other businesses in the area?**

"Absolutely! We are just starting to work with businesses across Salford so we'd like to extend that offering to your readers too.

"Any organisation with parents on their staff is invited to contact us, and we will be pleased to discuss the special rates we offer our partners, so they can provide a discounted childcare package to their employees.

"Children can be dropped off and collected from any of our 5 nurseries near home or work - or on the way - safe in the knowledge that every one of them is not only part of a successful Group, but as one of my nurseries, it is uniquely important to me and the team there."

**Thank you Nicola - is there anything else you want to add?**

"Just this: my motto is 'Every Child, Every Chance'. I have a vision to provide outstanding, quality childcare to this community I am so passionate about, ensuring that all children have the best start in life, and I am so proud that the award recognised the work that's been done towards this."



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