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Savvy Security could not be more aptly named. With a career spanning 15 years as an information security expert in companies like Symantec, IBM, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and ESB, founder Jane O'Connor developed a savviness for providing security solutions.

She first got a taste for IT while she was working as a marketing executive for an IT company. She loved solving complex problems and learning about new technologies. Seeing that there were more opportunities in IT, she was inspired to switch careers.

Jane returned to college to study a Masters in IT at NUIG, during which she carried out research into how people, processes, and technology interact to secure businesses.

After graduation, she gained vast experience in all areas of information security, including cyber security, IT audit, data protection and risk management.

While she was passionate about her career move, living and working in Dublin made her miss her home in Athenry, Galway. She longed to work for herself and so, in 2014 she returned home to set up Savvy Security.

Jane develops security policies and frameworks for start-ups and SMEs to empower them to protect themselves against cyber threats, and ensure they are compliant with data protection legislation.

Seeing how many risks are down to human error, Jane also trains internal staff to become security and data protection officers.

ACORNS opened her eyes to how others run their business and receiving strong feedback from her fellow participants boosted Jane's confidence.

With a strong client base and a steady stream of work, next year Jane is planning to expand her services to current customers and grow her client base.