

## Kay Lyng

### *K Kajoux Jewels*

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A trip to a bead shop in Dublin in 2011 resulted in Kay Lyng designing and creating a unique necklace for a friend and now West End show stars have been spotted wearing her jewellery.

Kay had been working full time in financial services in Dublin for several years while, on the side, she sold her designs at crafts fairs around the country. Eventually, The Kilkenny Design Centre and Kilkenny Shop and more shops across Ireland, began to stock her jewellery.

Following a move home to Clonmatagh, Co Kilkenny in 2018, Kay left her job and decided to commit full time to her business, K Kajoux Jewels, and she hasn't looked back.

K Kajoux Jewels are all designed and hand-made by Kay at her studio in the hills of Clonmatagh, using semi-precious stones, Swarovski crystals and freshwater pearls.

Since focusing on her business, Kay was nominated for an Irish Made Award in 2018. This year, she presented K Kajoux at SS19 Showcase Ireland, and she featured on Ireland AM making earrings live on air.

Also this year, some of the cast of the UK and Ireland Tour of Calendar Girls wore her jewellery both on and off stage and RTÉ sports presenter, Jacqui Hurley, wore her jewellery on Up for the Match.

Meeting other businesswomen through ACORNS who were willing to share their own challenges, and how they navigated them, has helped Kay with her own business.

Kay is currently upgrading her website and in January she will be back at Showcase Ireland. Following this, she hopes to employ someone part-time, and plans to increase her stockists.

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