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Originally from Holycross, Co Tipperary, Laura Stakelum spent 15 years living and working in Dublin, where she trained as a chartered accountant specialising in corporate finance, before spending six months in Tipperary working from home during the pandemic.

Laura found that working remotely allowed her to do everything that she had done in the office in Dublin. This, together with a goal to set up her own business prompted her to make the move permanent and to set up Stakelum Consultancy in July 2021.

Stakelum Consultancy provides M&A and transaction advisory services to the renewable energy and property industries in Ireland. Renewable energy is a particular focus for Laura, and she advises clients on the acquisition and disposal of onshore and offshore wind assets.

Laura secured office space in Cashel, Co Tipperary and acquired two clients within months of starting the business. She moved to a larger office this year to accommodate hiring support staff to scale the business.

Laura says getting to the stage where she had onboarded five clients was a huge milestone for Stakelum Consultancy, giving her the confidence and security to build on this progress.

She describes ACORNS as an unbiased and invaluable sounding board, made up of a strong group of female entrepreneurs who understand the challenges of running a business. The programme helped her to understand the difference between the work a business does and the business itself – ensuring that the business functions efficiently and smoothly allows more time to focus on client needs and demands.

In the next two years, Laura hopes to build a team of five to ten employees. This would allow Stakelum Consultancy to onboard more renewable energy clients as the sector ramps up to the delivery of the first offshore windfarms in 2030.

***Providing early stage female entrepreneurs, living in rural Ireland, with the knowledge, support and networking opportunities to meet and even exceed their current aspirations.***



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