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Seven Jersey organisations have been awarded the International Lean Six Sigma Institute (ILSSI) Green Belt award in conjunction with the Jersey Business 'Business Improvement Programme'. This prestigious, internationally recognised certification is awarded to those who have completed and passed a five-day staggered training programme and final assessment in workplace quality and process improvement. Each organisation identified live projects they wanted to focus on and improve to make the programme as valuable as possible.

The first certifications were awarded in October 2022 to two employees of Granite Le Pelley, Jersey-based stone masons and natural stone specialists. This next cohort saw 18 employees from a broad range of industries including hospitality, recruitment, sports, and care take part on the programme. Between them, more than £400,000 of 'business process waste' was identified and removed across the organisations in areas such as client onboarding, payroll, tendering and file .

Having freed up time so its people can focus on more engaging work, each business within this cohort now starts 2023 with a blueprint for continuous improvement, and a solid platform for future growth

Recipients of the award are:

- Carly James, Confidante Law
- Gabby Ellmers and Ian Florence, Beresford Street Kitchen
- Donna Abel and Steve Martin, Jersey Cheshire Homes
- Denise Heavey and Noella Hutchinson, GR8 Recruitment
- Jack Mackenzie, James Howard and Tom Le Seur, SNAP Digital
- James Walwyn and Trevor R Cole, Puritas
- Nigel Mann and Kelsei Price, The Jersey Sports and Spinal Clinic

On receiving the certification, Carly James of Confidante Law, said, "Having scoped solutions to eliminate and reduce wastes, I discovered significant cost saving opportunities for both the business and our clients. The Programme illustrated that all businesses, irrespective of industry, size, age and structure, have the ability to reduce waste. Thanks to the Programme, I will continue to monitor waste as part of Confidante's strategic review, to ensure that efficiency remains at the heart of our offering."

Another certificate recipient, **Gabby Ellmers, CEO of Beresford Street Kitchen said**: "The Jersey Business Improvement programme has provided BSK with an excellent platform to review how the social enterprise runs and it is having a positive impact on every level. As CEO I am on the programme with our Catering Manager, and we have more delegates lined up for Feb 2023. We highly recommend this to every Jersey Business."

On presenting the awards, Jersey's Economic Minister, Kirsten Morel, said "This is a fantastic achievement, and I would like to congratulate all those who have gained this award. This is far more than just a certificate or qualification but evidence of a practical and sustained improvement with measurable benefits within each organisation. These great results from the Jersey

Business Improvement Programme shows how every organisation, regardless of size or sector, can improve their productivity by focusing on eliminating waste and using resource more effectively. I'd like to thank Jersey Business for facilitating this success and the wider work they do in improving the Island's productivity"

Find out more about the Business Improvement Programme here.