

Everyone needs an Ann in their office – Ann Salter, O'Donnell Furniture Makers



We are proud to introduce you to Ann, the person who is the backbone of O'Donnell Design and ensures everything runs efficiently and like clockwork on a daily basis. Ann has been part O'Donnell Design for over 23 years. In fact, you could say she is literally part of the furniture. She works full-time as a Secretary/Receptionist and PA but knows all the ins and outs of the business cogs from production, design, administration through to shipping and HR. Ann will gracefully point out that she is not the longest member of staff, there are staff who have been there longer than her and she is so very humble on what she achieves and provides to members of management and staff daily, always with a helpful and coherent approach.

She graduated from College (Cork Regional Technical College) in the 90's after doing a Secretarial/Computer Course. She then worked in Liss Ard Estate as an Accounts Assistant, before moving to O'Donnell. As mentioned previously, Ann deals a lot with the internal duties of a busy office, there are many complex departments, plus there are lots of meeting to set up, travel arrangements to be made and she is also the right arm of assistance to the General Manager and the in-house office accountant. She is, without doubt, an exceptionally organised and a highly experienced professional, self-motivated and driven as well as possessing advanced analytical prowess.

Ann is married to Fergus and has 2 boys, Adam 10 years and Nathan 8 years. Her boys also keep her busy, as they enjoy sports, including Hurling and Football training each week. Ann, herself, also enjoys sports and plays Badminton, winning many a competition through the years. She plays with her local team in Dunmanway. It's a very sociable sport and she gets to meet lots of different people. Ann helps with coaching the children in the club, if the need arises. Ann also enjoys, flower arranging, cycling and taking walks around the beautiful countryside of West Cork.



Ann's commitment to her role is unquestionable, travelling over 30 mins to the office, after she has dropped the boys at school. Even recently, when she fractured her foot, and was unable to drive, Ann did not take the simple route and stay at home. She asked family and friends to assist so she did not miss a day from the office. That shows Ann's commitment, pragmatism, methodical mentality, which is a true asset to O'Donnell. She is also the most approachable, friendly, helpful person you would ever want to associated with. We would be truly lost without Ann and that's why we think everyone needs an Ann in their office but you can't have ours because we are reluctant to share her with anyone 😊