

Morag Freathy named sustainability Business Leader of the Year at the edie Awards

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Morag Freathy, CEO of [Compass Group UK & Ireland](#)'s Business & Industry (B&I) sector, has been named Business Leader of the Year at the edie Awards.

The awards celebrate sustainability leadership across all industries and are organised by edie, the UK's largest and longest-running sustainable business media brand.

Under Morag's leadership, Compass Group UK & Ireland B&I, which includes contract caterers [Eurest](#) and [Dine](#) together with integrated FM provider [14forty](#), has driven a plant-based and plant-forward approach that has delivered health, wellbeing and sustainability benefits for its clients.

This included a reformulation project to reduce the embodied carbon across its 12 top selling meals. This resulted in an average saving per portion of 1.39kg CO₂ e across 209,029 meals sold every year.

Her strategic leadership has also supported a 47% reduction in food waste across the B&I business in four years. These actions have contributed to Compass' reduction of Scope 3 emissions by 8.5%.

A spokesperson for the edie Awards said: "Morag Freathy won edie's sustainability Business Leader of the Year Award for her exceptional leadership in transforming the sustainability agenda in contract catering. Her bold strategies to cut food waste, reduce emissions and champion plant-based eating have set a benchmark for the industry.

"The judges were particularly impressed by the quantitative impact achieved, the innovation shown in

nudging people towards plant-based diets and the clear and comprehensive strategic approach to creating a positive impact.”

Now in its 18th year, the UK’s largest sustainable business awards scheme champions bold and brilliant climate leadership, with trophies presented in a ceremony staged at the Intercontinental London O2 hotel.

Morag said: “It was a special night and a real honour to be recognised by such a prestigious body that leads the way in driving sustainability in business.

“We are passionate about sustainability at Compass B&I, and so are our clients, so this is an award that means a lot not only to me but to all my team and to our client partners too.”

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