

## IAIN FALLER

### INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND WHAT YOU CURRENTLY WORK AS:

My name is Iain Faller, I'm 54 years of age. After completing secondary school education, I left school at 16 after attaining 5 O'grades. I completed a 4 year apprenticeship as a plumber & heating engineer and attained an advanced craft certificate at college, I also attended night school during this period and passed my Higher English grade exam.

After serving a 4 year apprenticeship and working on various contracts, I decided to diversify into the Oil & Gas industry as a pipefitter where I gained experience in the Glasgow ship yards and also at BP oil refinery in Grangemouth. At the age of 30, I decide to diversify yet again and I began my offshore career in the North Sea and also worked in Holland, the Middle East and Africa. Latterly, I was promoted into supervisory positions and then into management roles as a Construction Engineer.

I studied at SVQ level and gained a level 4 SVQ in management. In May 2019, when my offshore contract of 7 years ended, I decided to have a break and try setting up my own business. I had been enjoying my hobby of collecting rare whiskies and started attending business gateway work shops to learn new skills which would help me start up my own business, which I did in October 2019.

### WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THIS CAREER PATH?

I chose this new career path as I had developed a passion for my hobby, collecting whisky and had a pipe dream of starting my own business. After 30 years of working in the construction industry, I felt it was time to stay at home and look for new challenges and work at something that I really enjoyed rather than continue to retirement age in a career that I was no longer interested in. I have spent the past year developing my business and on the 18th of July, I opened my High Street Whisky Shop in Stornoway.

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AGE: 354  
JOB TITLE: MANAGING DIRECTOR/OWNER  
BUSINESS: THE ISLAND SPIRIT WHISKY SHOP



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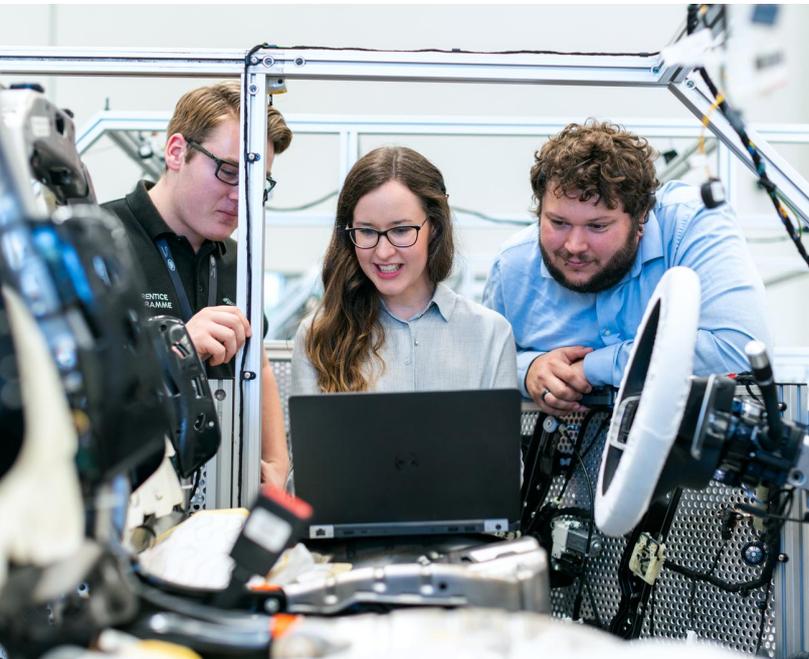
## WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO STAY/WORK IN THE OUTER HEBRIDES?

I first came to work in Stornoway in 1988, when the General hospital was being built. I worked there for a few months until my contract ended. I returned in 1998 to work at Arnish Fabrication yard and met my wife during this period. We decided to stay in Lewis and I have travelled from here to work until recently, when I started my business.



## ANY ADVICE FOR A YOUNG PERSON WANTING TO GO DOWN THE SAME CAREER PATH?

My advice is to try and find a career you are interested in. This may not always be possible at first. Don't give up if you can't find exactly what you really want at first. The important thing is to develop a good work ethic no matter what you work at. When you are young, you can always study through open learning or apply for new positions while you work. Maximise career opportunities and training programme which may be available and seize any opportunities that come your way. Don't give up as you will get there eventually, Good luck.



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