

Daniel – Civil Engineering Graduate – Highways & Environment

Day to day I am responsible for managing between five and ten projects at any one time from start to finish. This can be anything from ensuring roads are resurfaced to improving access to property. In a typical week I spend half of my time in the office and the other half in the field. My role is particularly varied and involves going out on inspections to look at problems which have been reported. I identify the cost of the job and draw up a plan to fix the problem. I co-ordinate the project and liaise with the contractors to ensure that work is completed to the necessary standard. On completion I arrange for payment to be made. I enjoy the variety of my role and the range of challenges it gives me.

I graduated from Loughborough University in 2006 gaining a BSc in Architectural Engineering and Design Management. Studying at Loughborough helped me gain a lot of life skills which I was able to use to my advantage when looking for my first role. While at University I joined a number of sporting clubs. During my time in the VI form I also taught gymnastics to primary school pupils, and was captain of the school football team. After University I spent two and a half years in the architectural design industry where I project managed and gained experience of working within an office environment using a range of different software.

I am currently studying for an NVQ level 4 in management. I spend some of my own time completing the portfolio; however I can also fit in some work during office time. Since starting my apprenticeship I have also completed a 12 week course in transport planning and traffic management.

It is important that I continue to develop upon my existing skills and gain more experience of managing projects and budgets. However, at some point in the future I would like to go into a management role, preferably within the highways sector.

The qualifications gained will demonstrate to any future employers that I have the necessary abilities to work within the industry. The experience that I am gaining will complement this.

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