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How long have you been in the Rail and infrastructure industry?

3-4 years.

What brought you to the Rail and infrastructure industry?

Having previously worked in Civil Engineering, I knew that Rail Industry was a good place to work – and considering the projects that are being worked on now (and in the future) such as Crossrail High Speed Two and GWEP, it was an excellent time to join.

What is it about the industry that you love? (what do you find most rewarding in your career?)

I love the Civils element of rail – how integrated the projects and works are. Every day is different and I’m able to put my knowledge into practice and see my work.

What would you say is the achievement you are most proud of?

I was part of the team that successfully delivered the Stockley Junction viaduct 7 flyover – an extremely challenging project and to see the works completed properly without any issues and delays was extremely rewarding – especially as this was my first rail position.

In your career, what is the biggest challenge you had to overcome?

Probably the same project at Stockley Junction – the installation of bearings and associated works were something I’ve never done before – learning this whilst ensuing works were completed correctly was a huge challenge and I couldn’t have done it without the full support of the Projects Delivery team(s).

Has anyone inspired you during your career (and, if so who and why?)

My first direct line manager was the Site Agent at Carillion on Stockley – it was great to see his calmness under intense pressure and combined with his willingness to pass on all his knowledge and develop my skills was incredibly refreshing.

Secondly would be the current Construction Manager I work with at VINCI on Crossrail: his absolute devotion to getting the job done is a true example of how to work, he has a hunger to deliver everything perfectly and he has a wealth of knowledge which I get to see and learn from each day I work.

What advice would you give to young people / other people working in Rail and infrastructure?

Safety is Number 1! If you can demonstrate and prove that safety, health and the environment are always the priority, you will go far! Get yourself on a great graduate scheme and just work hard.

My best piece of advice that was passed onto me: There is always someone out there who has previously overcome the problem you are facing!

Take the time to be precise. Find the balance between doing things quickly and doing them correctly.