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How did you first get involved in the Rail industry?

I had heard so many good things about rail, and with projects such as High Speed One (Channel tunnel), Crossrail, HS2 and more, it was a great opportunity with an endless number of upcoming projects. I joined a great graduate programme and my career took off from there.

What has been the most enjoyable projects you have worked on so far?

My current project, Crossrail West is by far the most enjoyable. I started off as a student engineer after university, then worked on some of Crossrail's initial stages as a handover engineer and am now part of a well-recognised team with one of the largest construction companies in the world.

What would you advise to a young woman who may be interested in joining the rail industry?

Go for it! There seems to be a stigma around that women do not fit in with the infrastructure industry as a whole, but some of the most successful engineers and managers I know are all female. The industry is changing and modernising, and with annual events all focused on bringing in more women and recognising those that are already here, it's fantastic. My advice would be to knuckle down, get a great degree and then join a top contractor's graduate programme – you'll find that you can be fast-tracked extremely quickly and end up with a fantastic company and a great start to your career.

What do you like the most about your job/the rail industry?

The people are awesome – and that goes for everyone, from the guys at Mane who guided me through the whole introductory process, to the client (VINCI) I'm working for – they actually give me regular time off to complete my Master's Degree. Every day is different and you get to work on projects that will be part of the UK transport industry for the next 100 years. I can get on a train with family and friends and see something that I have delivered on – it's incredibly satisfying.

What would you say is the biggest achievement of your career to date?

Probably the Crossrail project I'm on now – 13 stations in total and is currently the company's most profitable project nationwide and one of the few major rail projects on schedule – we completed works in October that were meant for December! As someone who deals with quality and handover, having no major incidents or having to backtrack is certainly an achievement for myself and the entire quality team here.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No matter what level you are at, or what your career aspirations are, speak to the rail team at Mane. Not only do they have a thorough understanding of rail & infrastructure, but they are incredibly personable, take calls at all hours and are a constant presence on site – even turning up on Christmas day when we were all working! Mark, Liam, Darrell & Chris have been absolutely fantastic and I have recommended many friends and colleagues to speak with them.