

Apprenticeship Success Story Luke Hollis, EngTech MlmechE



Background

I started my Apprenticeship in mechanical maintenance with National Grid in 2006. I had chosen to take the Apprenticeship route because I had not enjoyed my time at college and wanted to gain some engineering experience. The Apprenticeship consisted of a number of areas including key skills, city and guilds qualifications and practical assessments and was provided by Develop Training Ltd.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF...

Throughout the three years of the Apprenticeship, time was split between working on site and learning in many different training centres across the country.

During the training I often had to stay in hotels for weeks at a time with other apprentices. This was an excellent experience meeting many new people whilst learning and earning money too. I thoroughly enjoyed my time as an apprentice, the mixture of practical and theory kept everything new and exciting. I can truly say that I have learnt a huge amount, not just to do with engineering but with personal development, communication skills and so much more.

"Looking back I am so glad that I chose to do an Apprenticeship, it has set me up for life."

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

In 2009 I was voted National Grid Mechanical Apprentice of the Year and since then I have become fully qualified and am being sponsored to do an honours degree in Integrated Engineering. I am still working at National Grid Gas (UKD) and hope to be here for the foreseeable future.