



Apprenticeship Success Story

My apprenticeship journey

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Apprenticeship programme: Level 4 Project Management

About you?

After working as a Personal Assistant for five years, I was keen to develop. I decided to pursue a career within Project Management after seeing this course offered as part of a Project Support Officer role at the Environment Agency, for which I could see I had transferrable skills.

Why did you choose an apprenticeship?

I knew it would help with my personal and career development and open new opportunities for me! I was keen to learn about project management.

How has the apprenticeship enhanced your career?

I have transformed from a Personal Assistant, to being a brand-new Project Support Officer with no experience, to being a fully qualified, experienced and confident Senior Project Manager within the space of two years. The apprenticeship, along with the right role to support my portfolio, has ensured that I got exposure to and experience of projects and enabled me to work as a project professional, rather than being given administration tasks.

I have secured a new role as a Senior Project Manager which is life changing for me in terms of development and opportunities. I never imagined that I could have come this far in such a short space of time! My hard work has massively paid off and it is testament to how good the course is. The course is very highly regarded within the Environment Agency and my colleagues are impressed when they hear I have completed this, which is incredibly satisfying.

What does your apprenticeship mean to you?

It has given me the knowledge, skills, confidence and experience to progress in my career within project management and move into a senior role extremely quickly.

What advice would you give to an existing apprentice?

Get as much from your 20% off-the-job time as you can. And if you have time attend additional webinars, explore any learning in more detail or pick colleagues brains. The more you immerse yourself away from the day-to-day tasks the more you will absorb.