

Females of the Future: International Women's Day

Meet Amy...



Amy Williams
Regional Operations Director

What did you want to be when you were at school?

I wanted to build bridges and by the time I started secondary school I knew that I wanted to be a Civil Engineer (I just had to prove that to other people!).

What education path did you take?

I did my GCSEs in a variety of subjects my favourite being Design Technology. I then did A-levels in Maths, Physics and Technology followed by a master's degree in Civil Engineering. This led to a Chartership with the Institution of Civil Engineers.

What career advice would you give your younger self?

Be brave – I went into a traditionally male dominated industry and had many people tell me that there must be easier choices. I love my career and am so glad that I made the choices I did.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I love working with very knowledgeable people who are passionate about what they do. I am very lucky to have never been bored at work!

Why did you decide to do the job you are doing?

I found bridges interesting as a child and that developed into working in that sector and then over time my interests became more general but always civil engineering. I have worked in various areas but am now Regional Director for the operation of the motorways in the North West.

What does your job involve?

My job has responsibility for the day to day operation and maintenance of the motorway and strategic A-road network in the North West. We deliver lots of schemes on the network as well. I talk to lots of people everyday, that could be people working on the road network, customers and even MPs.

What did you learn at school that you have transferred into your job?

I knew I needed a Maths and Physics A-level to take a degree in Civil Engineering and I was desperate to do a Technology A-level. To do this I had to do an A-level in the all boys part of my school. That was a difficult thing to do at 16 but I braved it. I learnt to not fit to stereotypes in the choices I made and am so pleased that I did.

