

Females of the Future: International Women's Day

Meet Lydia...

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

To be honest I had no idea! It seemed to change every week.

What's been your career journey to date?

I originally started as a business admin apprentice for 2 years in our operations directorate. I then was offered a role in Network Occupancy where I worked for 18 months. However, as I knew I really enjoyed project management, I applied for a transfer into our major projects directorate where I now work in my role.

What career advice would you give your younger self?

When I was at school and especially at college, it seemed like if you weren't going to university to study a "proper" degree then there weren't any other options. If I could go back to when I was 16, I would say you don't have to do what everyone else is doing! Not following the normal path isn't always a bad thing. Try find out what you enjoy the most and see where that takes you. My brother for example really loves Maths (odd I know!) so he's currently studying for an Aerospace Engineering degree. But my friend has always loved dogs so has opened her own dog grooming business. We're all doing different things but there's no right or wrong way.



Lydia Rawlinson
Project Support Officer

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

After getting different business experience from my apprenticeship, I realised I really enjoyed project management. I love to organise and plan so project management seemed perfect for me.

What does your job involve?

I support my project manager in any project related tasks. Usually, I oversee our project governance process, help manage risk/ cost and anything else that pops up! Alongside this, I manage one of our project offices and coordinate our main project email inbox - replying to customer emails, arranging meetings etc.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I really enjoy getting out on site. My project is due to start construction this year so I've been able to go out on site and get involved in the planning of it all. This usually means I'm walking next to the road in full bright yellow PPE but it allows me to see why I do all the desk/admin work.

