

Learner Case Study

Construction and the Built Environment

Jill's Story

Jill began her further education at Leeds College of Building on the National Certificate in Building Services. In order to obtain the range of work required she left her job working at her father's company (supplying fans to the building services industry) and took up a position as a Student Building Services Engineer.

Jill continually looks for opportunities to grow and develop and has moved companies to ensure that her range and knowledge are tested to the full. One of the main reasons she moved to her present company, Atkins Design Environment & Engineering, was she had researched and ascertained that they fully supported individuals who wished to continue their studies at degree level.

Jill excelled in her studies and was nominated for the completion and achievement of her HNC for the category of Building Services Technician for the industry Regional Training Groups award ceremony and won. During her final year on the HNC course she fully investigated all the building degree courses and in September 2007 she started at Northumbria University.

The mix of further and higher education has given Jill the knowledge she requires to work in a fast and changing industry.

In June 2008 Jill received a Highly Commended status in the West Yorkshire Adult Work-Based Learner Awards.