

MEET OUR APPRENTICE

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EMPLOYER: SOUTHWAY

HOUSING TRUST

PROGRAMME: PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE

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MY APPRENTICESHIP

Construction

Why did you decide to do a degree apprenticeship?

The degree apprenticeship allows you to learn and complete your degree simultaneously with the development of the practical skills that are crucial in the real working world. Not only this, but knowledge gained from the degree can be directly implemented into your role at your place of work helping you develop quickly and reducing the displacement of knowledge and skills generally associated with the traditional 'degree-first job-after' approach.

What are the benefits?

- More effective skill and knowledge development knowledge gained in the degree can be directly demonstrated on the job, reinforcing your memory, as it now becomes procedural.
- Lots of support from both employer and university representatives, to ensure you have the time and resources to be comfortable in both environments.
- No student debt the programme means that the employer will cover tuition fees.
- ✓ A head start in life. Although it is more intense, this particular pathway helps you develop later life skills and propels you into the working world, a bit like throwing you in the deep end except you have all the arm bands you could ask for.

Advice to others?

Do it! It's hard work, but it's rewarding to the point of self-actualisation. You will meet new people and make connections and relationships within the industry that will benefit you for years.

If I wanted to acquire the career I have now through a traditional method, it would take me around 6 years to get the qualification and experience I would have received from 3 years of this.

In one word?

Challenging



