



NG Bailey



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Describe your role in three words:

Dynamic, collaborative, rewarding.

What are you enjoying most about your role?

I'm enjoying the opportunity to work on diverse projects and the chance to collaborate with experienced engineers. The exposure to different disciplines and the hands-on experience in project management have been particularly rewarding.

What have been the more challenging aspects?

One fun challenge has been balancing the various responsibilities of project management, such as planning, liaising with subcontractors, and organising tasks, over various projects and teams at the same time.

Who have you been working with in the business?

I have been working with operations managers, project managers, and engineers on large engineering projects as part of the Major Projects and Connections team.

What key skills have you learnt?

I have developed strong project management skills, including planning, coordination, and communication with various stakeholders.

Has it been what you expected?

The role is very practical, and therefore different to the more theoretical and academic approach at university. However, the transition from university to a professional setting has been smoother than I expected, thanks to the structured support and mentorship provided. The practical application of skills and the real-world problem-solving have been challenging yet highly rewarding. The role has surpassed my expectations in terms of professional development and personal growth.

What has been the highlight of your time with NG Bailey so far?

The highlight has been getting trusted with real responsibility for tasks within the project management team.

What advice would you give to others considering joining our graduate scheme?

I would advise others to embrace the diverse opportunities offered by the graduate scheme. Be proactive in seeking out learning experiences, and don't hesitate to ask for guidance from senior colleagues. The scheme is designed to provide a well-rounded foundation, so take advantage of the chance to explore different technical areas and develop a broad skill set.