



Name: **Chris O'Hagan**

Role: **Trainee Construction Manager**

What does your role involve?

My daily duties involve many things such as site inductions, issue of permits, welfare management, progress photographs, diaries etc. I'll also be on hand if needed by anyone on site to help deal with any problems.

What do you like about your job?

I enjoy meeting new people and trying to learn as much as I can from their experiences on-site. My general daily duties can be really interesting as difficulties can be experienced and this brings new challenges every day.

What's your working day like?

Generally, quite busy from the moment you enter the office until the minute everyone is starting to leave. I always try to get involved with as much as I can whilst I'm still learning and developing my skill sets.

What skills do you need for your job?

Good communication skills, a certain amount of knowledge and understanding for reading drawings and a good personality can go a long way. I also think you have to be open with everyone and willing to learn.

What was your background before starting this role?

I joined McLaughlin & Harvey straight from school, so this was my first experience of the construction industry.

What are you most proud of in your career?

I'm proud of several moments in my career so far, especially having seen a few jobs go from design to completion. I think I'm probably most proud of passing my first year of exams at university.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?

In 10 years' time I hope to be running one of my own sites as a Project Manager.

A bit of advice for anyone thinking about a career in construction?

It's a great industry to be a part of and it's always changing so you'll never be short of a challenge. Never leave yourself short of work, ask plenty of questions and you won't go wrong. Be prepared to work plenty of hours though!