

As part of National Apprenticeship Week, we would like to celebrate apprentices working on the North Manchester General Hospital (NMGH) scheme and have put together mini biographies to showcase their talents and achievements. We are proud to introduce you to Beth.

Name: Beth McCrystal



Job title on NMGH: Assistant Cost Consultant

Course studying: Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship; I'm in my final year of my Quantity Surveying degree at University College of Estate Management.

As a cost consultant on NMGH, I have so far worked to provide costs for the Enabling Works and Security projects whilst they are in the early design stages, as well as assisting in tender review processes. I look forward to remaining involved in the scheme post-contract.

Since starting my apprenticeship, I've worked on a range of large scale projects including MECD and The Henry Royce Institute for The University of Manchester. I've also been involved with a range of Arcadis' internal platforms; such as championing apprentices in the business and working towards a more gender-equal industry.

The benefits of doing an apprenticeship include no student debt, learning on the job and applying what you've learnt in your studies to your role in real time. You can build professional relationships from the offset and have a higher level of job certainty compared to those who go down the traditional university route and have to apply for very competitive graduate schemes.

The advice I would give to others that are considering an apprenticeship is be prepared to be very busy, trying to juggle full time work and your degree/ qualification is really difficult but it's worth it. Ask as many questions as you can, make sure to be seen and say yes to opportunities that come your way as you never know what might come of them in the future.

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