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Training Manager

Age 35

What's your current role?

I look after Training and Qualifications for Horizon. This means I'm responsible for the future staff and training of the people that we'll need to run the new nuclear power stations we want to build on Anglesey and in South Gloucestershire.

What did you study when you were at school and what qualifications do you have?

I studied Physics, Chemistry, Biology and General Studies A-level and decided I wanted to work for a year before I went to University. This meant I had the chance to spend a year with Magnox Electric, which was a great opportunity to gain some work experience before I went to Warwick University to study Chemistry with Industrial Chemistry.

Your career path so far...

After University, I joined Powergen's Graduate Scheme working on their coal and gas power plants for two years.

I always wanted to work in the Nuclear Industry though, so when a Plant Chemist job came at Sizewell B nuclear power station in 2004, I jumped at the chance. This gave me an opportunity to see some different roles. I found I enjoyed Operations work and joined the 18 month long Control Room Operator training programme.

The experience I had gained at Sizewell B meant I was able to get a job at Horizon Nuclear Power in 2009 – and I moved from looking after existing power stations to planning new ones.

How did the knowledge you've gained through previous roles help you to get your job at Horizon?

I've got lots of firsthand experience about what's needed to operate the nuclear power plants safely and efficiently, so I can use this knowledge to help Horizon understand the different types of people we'll need to operate our new power stations once they're up and running.

What are your top tips for somebody who wants a job in the nuclear industry?

- Get good grades in the right subjects when you're at school or college. This means studying your STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).
- Pursue what you enjoy. You'll be much better at it and you'll have fun along the way!
- Have a plan – but don't be too worried about deviating from it if the right chance comes along. As with everything in life, there's always an element of luck in career progression!

Where do you see your career in 10 years' time?

I'll hopefully be back working on an operational nuclear power plant and this time it will be Wylfa Newydd. The favourite moments of my career so far have all been when I was working on a power station.