



I am a Senior Quantity Surveyor and I have worked for WW Martin for 13 years.

I have been in the Construction Industry for nearly 30 years having been persuaded by my careers advisor to carry out work experience with a local contractor.

The job appealed to me mostly because it was different to what other girls were doing in my peer group. I attended college one day a week and was the first in my company to complete a degree in Quantity Surveying.

My role is to manage and control all financial aspects of a construction project. This includes placing subcontractor orders and dealing with their accounts, carrying out valuations directly dealing with the client and the professional consultants, providing financial advice and information to the Client, dealing with contractual matters.

I have seen a lot of changes during my time in the industry and although you see many more women in construction today, I am often the only female working on a site of up to 100 men. I would recommend a career in the construction industry and would be pleased to see more women pursuing construction as a chosen career.



I am a Buyer for WW Martin Ltd.

I didn't intend on a career in Construction; I have a degree in Sports Science and was looking to pursue a career in Sports Development! This wasn't meant to be and after a few months of leaving university I started at WW Martin Ltd as a receptionist.

I had family in the construction industry but no prior experience myself, however through hard work and determination I progressed to the role of Personal Assistant for the Managing Director.

After a few years the company offered me the position of Assistant Buyer. This new role was exciting and came with a new set of challenges as it was purely construction based. I was dealing with subcontractors and suppliers on a daily basis and soon developed an excellent knowledge of construction and formed good relationships with our business partners. From this role, I have progressed to being the material Buyer at WW Martin.

My day-to-day responsibilities include checking on requests that have come in from the Site Managers of the various projects we have running, sourcing the correct materials from suppliers, securing the most competitive rates, and arranging for them to be delivered on time.



My career in Construction only started six months ago. For the past 20 years I worked in the private corporate sector but in the end I had no real sense of job satisfaction.

I had thought about construction several times as my Dad always had a building project on the go, he just about turned his hand to anything!

I used to think that the vast majority of people in the construction industry were men, however now working at WW Martin, I have realised that many women are involved in many different construction roles, not only in the office but out on site as well.

I was very lucky to find my new role as Office Manager at WW Martin as I did not have any prior construction experience. There is a vast amount to learn and the terminology is very different but the key is to keep on trying new things and learning.

I believe it is important to encourage young people and particularly women to pursue a career in the construction industry as there are so many great roles that you can pursue to fulfil your career ambitions.



My career in Construction started four and a half years ago through talking to a friend who was a Site Manager.

I was looking for a career that would not only fit around my children, but would also give me the ability to progress.

I started as an Assistant Buyer, where I picked up a lot of construction knowledge through liaising with sites and suppliers.

To build on this knowledge I undertook a BTEC Level 3 home study course in Construction & The Built Environment. This really helped build on what I had learnt and gave me a different perspective of the pre-construction phase of construction projects. After completing my qualification I progressed into the pre-construction and the bid writing team, which is what I really enjoy.

Now at WW Martin, I work in the pre-construction team as a Business Development Coordinator. My main responsibility focuses on responding to Pre-Qualification Questionnaires and Tenders documents. It is a challenge to meet deadlines and collate all the information required from various sources, but it is a great feeling of teamwork and achievement when a contract is won.