



Katherine
Group Engineer

Tell Us How You Became a Group Engineer at Kirklees Council

I left school at 16 and did an apprenticeship working whilst gaining an academic qualification. At this time the role was as trainee engineer working for Leeds City Council. I moved around the different departments within the Highways Service: Operational, highway maintenance design, major design and new infrastructure and traffic engineering, this provided me with a rounded knowledge in the field of Civil Engineering. During my time at Leeds City Council I progressed to the role to Senior Engineer where I managed a small team of engineers and trainees. So I was able to work and progress academically without the big debt at the end!

Sixteen years ago I joined Kirklees Council to work in the major design team, I have also worked as a maintenance engineer designing and supervising the construction of highway maintenance schemes.

Tell us about your job

My current role is as a Group Engineer (Asset Manager) and I am responsible for managing the districts roads, pavements and street lighting assets. The highway infrastructure is the Councils most valuable asset and is key in supporting economic growth and development.

Why do you work for a Local Authority?

I have continued to work for Local authorities as I want to make a difference to local places and people.