



Spotlight on Net Zero Manager, Michael Bamikole

Introduction to yourself and your role

I have years of expertise working to integrate sustainability into small- and large-scale businesses, all of which are connected to knowledge transfer initiatives, and I have a background in environmental science.

My role is to lead the coordination and delivery of our 'Pathway to Net Zero' strategy and transition plan to achieve Net Zero across Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions by 2030. Day to day, I support the Business Development team and operational colleagues on tender production and solution development for bids on Net Zero and related sustainability areas.

What attracted you to begin a career at Mears?

About 40% of carbon emissions in the UK come from the building sector. In the UK today, housing accounts for 18% of carbon emissions.

Mears is one of the top and most reputable companies in the UK for providing specialised services to local and central government, social housing, and other organisations. Mears' dedication to providing services that are ethical and environmentally friendly drew me in.

Why do you enjoy about your role?

My role gives me the opportunity to use my expertise in greenhouse gas reduction and management to help the company reach its 2025 objective of being the most socially aware company in the public sector. Mears acknowledges that there is a climate emergency, and our ESG strategy is based on lowering emissions, enhancing the lives of people, and generating value via reliable, moral, and transparent business processes.

I'm always exposed to new challenges, which helps me grow both professionally and personally.

I appreciate the collaborative environment in the net zero team. Working with proficient and supportive colleagues not only increases productivity, but also makes each day more fun.

What are your top tips on being a Net Zero Manager?

The work of a Net Zero Manager is critical because it ensures that businesses are doing their share to protect the environment and the future. This job demands a strong education in environmental science or engineering, as well as a unique perspective when studying strategies to promote sustainability and battle climate change. As more businesses become conscious of the environmental impact of their operations, there will be a greater demand for Net Zero management.

Why did you become a Net zero Manager?

Working with organisations and companies to create and implement strategies that help minimise environmental impact while preserving profitability is the major responsibility of a net zero manager. The duties of net zero managers include assessing how their business' operations affect the environment, identifying areas for cost and waste reduction, making sure the company complies with legal requirements, and developing creative solutions to advance sustainability. Because of my educational background in environmental science, I can integrate best practices for sustainability into my work.

What was your career path to get to where you are now?

I have a degree in Environmental Science and prior to this role I undertook some certification training in carbon, energy and environmental management.

What does a typical day look like for you?

9:30am

Meeting with my line manager.

10am - 12pm

Support with bid writing, particularly the sustainability questions. Coordinate Our building energy audit. Support Our EV transition project.

Break

I'll usually go for a walk.

1-3pm

Attend to our customers and client greenhouse gas emission disclosure report. Improving and capturing data for our Scope 3 carbon footprint.

4-5pm

Support our new appointed Net zero apprentice.

What advice would you give someone thinking of beginning a career in net zero?

Look for an apprenticeship position, as it will provide you with the chance to gain expertise. You'll know for sure after 18 months whether this is the career route you wish to take.

Are you interested in working in net zero?

Learn more about our net zero vacancies here: <https://careers.mearsgroup.co.uk/>

