



Spotlight on Junior Energy Manager, Olly Race

Why did you choose to begin an apprenticeship with Mears?

The unique job title and description intrigued me. Also, when I looked into working for Mears, I found many webpages suggesting how it's a fantastic place to work and some of the benefits that come with it, such as ShareSave and employee discounts.

What do you enjoy most about your apprenticeship and working in net zero?

I have enjoyed being on site and working with/visiting the tenants. The main projects I have been working on throughout my apprenticeship are the SHDF projects. I really enjoy learning about all the new innovative technologies that are being used to make homes more energy efficient and help the climate by reducing carbon emissions.

What are you looking forward to learning during the rest of your apprenticeship?

I'm looking forward to gaining further qualifications within the energy sector and finishing my apprenticeship. Also, I'm excited to be involved in more projects such as SHDF and gain a stronger understanding of more new technologies and also the social housing industry in general.

What does a typical day look like during your apprenticeship?

A typical day for me in my apprenticeship would look like, firstly visiting the site office and catching up with any email enquiries. After this, I would normally visit site and tenants' properties to carry out any pre-works surveys that are needed before the works are carried out. I will then typically go back to the site office and upload the information to both our and the client's database.

What are your tips for anyone working within net zero?

My tips to anyone working within the Net Zero sector would be that there are plenty of opportunities to gain new knowledge regarding the energy sector. Including things such as webinars and web forums.

What advice would you give anyone thinking about taking on an apprenticeship within net zero?

I would certainly recommend working within the Net Zero space to anyone as there are many new opportunities coming along every day. It's definitely going to be a major part of the construction industry within the future. I would also recommend Mears to anyone looking for an apprenticeship as from my experience, any issues I've had throughout my apprenticeship have been resolved quickly and efficiently.

Would you recommend working within net zero generally? Why should someone begin a career in net zero?

I would suggest to anyone to begin a career in with Net Zero as the opportunities that could and will come from this sector are in abundance, furthermore, working in the energy efficiency sector is an exciting place to be with new technologies and every day being different. It also feels good to know you are having a positive effect on the climate and our goal to reach net zero as a nation.

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