



# Spotlight on Net Zero Apprentice, Abi Lumbard

## Introduction to yourself and your role

My name is Abi and I am the Net Zero Apprentice! I have a continuous improvement background, in addition to working in the NHS, and achieving a bachelor's degree in biomedical science.

My role involves supporting the net zero team with their goals as well as helping with the intelligent use of data for this support.

I was at a point in my early career where I was ready to do an apprentice, a new start in a different career. During my continuous improvement work, I dabbled in Data Analytics and I was fascinated! I found this apprenticeship during my search and knew it was what I wanted.

I also have a strong interest in sustainability and try to incorporate sustainable living into my own life, so when I found this apprenticeship, I knew I could help make a big impact beyond my own life, which is super rewarding!

## Why do you like working at Mears?

I have only been here a couple of months, but I have already met so many amazing people, learnt so much on different topics, including talks at the Housing conference in Manchester, and I'm on track to start my apprenticeship learning very soon. This is the first time in my career I truly feel supported and excited for the future ahead!

### **What do you enjoy about working in net zero?**

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Working in Net Zero means we are having a positive impact, therefore highly rewarding. It also means there is a lot of collaboration with different departments and people which is exciting. The fact we are working towards a goal brings so much purpose and joy to the work.

### **What are your best tips about being a Net Zero Apprentice?**

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It's impossible to do this role if you don't want to learn something new, so my best advice is absorb and learn as much information as possible and say yes to every opportunity you are given. That's the best way to get involved!

### **What does your day-to-day role look like?**

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My day-to-day looks different everyday! It typically consists of project work and any learning I can get involved in. This includes classes, working with my mentor, with apprenticeship classes coming soon. I am starting to learn about all sorts of work happening within the team and I am very excited to get involved!

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

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My main advice is to get involved as much as possible as soon as possible. It's an ever-growing field with more and more opportunities in the industry.

### **Are you interested in working in net zero?**

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