



Interview with an apprentice.

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The Operator Skills Hub (OSH) provides innovative training programmes to inspire young people and upskill current plant operators in the UK. By partnering with education and infrastructure providers, we aim to attract and recruit the best talent and upskill existing employees to work on a modern day, digitally-enabled construction site.

Jessica has been training at the Birmingham based hub and on working sites. We asked her about her experience.

Q: When did you start your apprenticeship?

I started my apprenticeship in a January 2022 and I'm due to finish it in April this year. I've really enjoyed the time I've spent learning about construction and plant operation.

Q: Have Flannery sent you onto a working site during your training?

I've recently been working on a site in Leeds over the past few months. It's been good to see how construction sites are run and I've been able to learn a lot on site during the majority of my apprenticeship.

Q: Which machines, if any, have you been able to use during your apprenticeship training?

I've been able to try a few different machines! I've tried a roller, a dump truck and a forward tipping dumper as well. I've recently just completed my 360 ticket for the digger so I'm extremely excited to get stuck into that on site and to start bettering my skills and knowledge.

Q: Finally, during your apprenticeship training, you were nominated for a CPA Stars of the Future award. How did that make you feel?

I felt extremely lucky to be nominated for an award. It was a great opportunity to show other women wanting to get a job in the construction industry that it's nothing to be scared about!

MINIMUM

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- **MINIMUM 18 YEARS**
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