

DECLAN DOHERTY

Construction Project Manager, Farrans Construction



Declan Doherty, graduated from North West Regional College (NWRC) with a Higher National Diploma (HND) in Civil Engineering has spent the past decade working on health care construction projects across Northern Ireland and England.

After finishing his post primary education at Oakgrove Integrated College, Declan took a job as a labourer where he forged an interest in Engineering and Site Management

“I enrolled at NWRC to upgrade my training and qualifications,” explained Declan, who initially completed an Access Foundation course in Humanities.

“I completed my HND in Civil Engineering and during this period, I started with Farrans on a one day student placement. During this placement, my knowledge grew due to the fact that there were so many talented individuals on the team who were keen to provide me with knowledge and ensure I was wholly involved in the learning process.”

After graduating in 2008 Declan started as a graduate Site Engineer for Farrans within the Healthcare team, working on the South Wing of Altnagelvin hospital. Since then Declan has gained valuable experience in the industry and has worked his way up through various roles in the company to his

current post as Project Manager. Last year Declan made the finals of the Construction Manager of the Year awards where he was recognised for his “professionalism, personality, coordination abilities and experience of tight sites and fast-paced programmes”.

Speaking about construction as a career option, Declan said, “It’s a career I would have no hesitation in recommending. There are various roles in construction such as quantity surveying, site managers, engineers, and there are various roles outside of the building aspect which people do not automatically think about such as marketing, accountants, admin, BREEAM, design managers, bid managers, estimators and bid writers.

“My advice to anyone looking to go into construction is that every day is different and there are always new challenges, so if you want a job that has various roles and is continuously changing and is exciting, then construction is the job for you.”



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