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Lorraine has been working in the construction industry for 10 years. She holds a number of NEBOSH qualifications (Occupational Health and Safety, Environmental Management) as well as an ILM Leadership & Management qualification and an IAM Certificate and Diploma Administrative Management. She is also a qualified First Aider. Lorraine works as a SHEQ Manager for JH Turkington & Sons Ltd and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the health and safety system and documentation within the company, as well as acting as the central point of contact in relation to health and safety for Statutory Agencies. Lorraine also deals with all aspects of Quality and Environmental management, and the associated standards such as ISO9001, ISO14001 and OHSAS18001.

Lorraine says, “The job involves getting out onto the construction sites and inspecting projects at every stage, along with time in the office ensuring that the paperwork side of things is kept up to date. Good record keeping is really essential. The role is really varied and every day is different. I have worked on several interesting projects over the years both in Northern Ireland and in Dublin. I’m currently working on a Tesco Development in Armagh, a Cinema complex in Craigavon, and a student accommodation project in Belfast City Centre next to St Anne’s Cathedral. So it’s a busy and demanding role which I really enjoy.”

Lorraine feels the construction industry is a fantastic place for women to work given that there are so many different careers available in the industry from manual trades through to design and office based roles. “The industry is very accepting of women and it is becoming more common to see women on construction sites. I feel that women have just as much to give the industry as their male counterparts.

This needs to continue so that we can help cement women into the industry and encourage more women to pursue a construction career.

The construction industry is a great place to work, with no two days being exactly the same. You can physically see the results of your hard work as the projects progress and it’s great to stand there at the end of the project looking at the final result, knowing that you played a role in it.

You also have the opportunity to meet such a wide range of people through your job, learning from their knowledge and experience and hopefully giving something back too.”



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