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## LEARNING NEW SKILLS IN SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION IN GERMANY

“As a Project Architect at White Ink Architects, I am responsible for the design, technical development, specification and day-to-day management of building projects during both the design and construction stages.

White Ink Architects are often charged with the role of Lead Consultant within the Project Team, in which case I am also responsible for co-ordinating and managing the other consultants that make up the Team. The offices’ projects largely consist of private sector residential, commercial and industrial buildings.”

Sarah was successful in gaining a place on ‘Building Skills for Sustainable Construction’, a two week training programme for 60 local construction workers from all sectors of the industry in Biberach, Germany focusing on sustainable construction methods, renewable energy and environmental standards. Speaking about the training Sarah said, “As I have a passion for sustainability and believe that sustainable design is key to the future growth of the construction industry, I definitely felt this was the right training opportunity for me.”

As part of the programme participants had to undertake language and cultural training to help prepare for the course in Germany. The two week programme in Germany combined theory and practical learning with site visits. Sarah said, “I found the language training very interesting and largely beneficial during our time in Germany.

The majority of the lectures in Germany were very informative and the workshop activities were most enjoyable. The practical element provided designers like me with a taste of what the contractors have to cope with onsite and therefore better equipped us for understanding and helping them in our own projects.



## CASE STUDY