

BUSINESS: MOWI, SCOTLAND

INDUSTRY: AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING

AUDIENCE: ALL SECONDARY



ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIPS

Known as the largest producer of farmed salmon, Mowi provides many young people with a range of job opportunities and apprenticeships in the West Highlands and beyond. Young job candidates can apply for positions in HR, marketing, engineering, joinery, factories, laboratories and much more! One young worker is Emily Connelly, an Electrical Engineering apprentice who shared her story:

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO ENROL ON YOUR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME WITH THIS PARTICULAR COMPANY?

I am the electrical apprentice for Mowi and I am going into my 3rd year of college. I have just completed my SVQ 3 and my first year of HNC electrical and engineering. Being from Fort William, Mowi has always been a big part of the local community. It offered long term employment opportunities and further vocational qualifications (for example power boat tickets, fork lift tickets and sea survival). I have the opportunity to travel the west coast of Scotland including the isles, from Rum and Muck, throughout Lochaber all the way down to Campbeltown.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DID YOU REQUIRE TO ENROL ON YOUR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME?

The qualifications needed for this job were a National 5 in both English and Maths. The personal skills Mowi were looking for was someone who was used to the outdoors and had good interpersonal skills.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING AN APPRENTICE AT YOUR COMPANY & WHAT ARE THE PERKS THAT COME WITH THE JOB?

One of the main benefits of working with Mowi is the travel, getting to see parts of Scotland that you would never really visit. This also means you get to meet and mix with a lot of different people. Working in a unique environment means the experience you gain from the job varies from electrical to mechanical, single phase to 3 phase and from industrial to domestic.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE WANTING TO ENROL ON AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME?

The advice I would give to anyone interested in an apprenticeship is to go for it, even if you don't think you will get the job. I did and I ended up getting the job. You will never know if you do not apply, there is no harm in it.

SEA SITE ELECTRICAL MANAGER, DONALD MACKENZIE, WHO HAS WORKED WITH MOWI FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS ALSO OFFERED THE BELOW ADVICE TO YOUNG APPLICANTS:

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"If there is an apprenticeship/trainee role anywhere that interests you, go for it. You may be the applicant the company is looking for. You will never know unless you apply."

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DESCRIBE A DAILY DAY AS AN APPRENTICE AT YOUR COMPANY?

All days start off by travelling to the site we are working on. Our plan for the day can change at any time due to electrical/mechanical issues. There is not a typical day in this job as we could be working on generators one day and changing a distribution board on a shore base the next.

WATCH OUR VIDEO BELOW WHICH EXPLAINS FURTHER ABOUT THE VARIETY OF APPRENTICESHIPS ON OFFER AT MOWI!



Our DYW team cover Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross – where we aim to expand opportunities to young people, through employer-led initiatives, so that they gain valuable workplace skills and further education opportunities, making them more attractive to employers.

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