

INDUSTRY: CONSTRUCTION
PROGRAMME: APPRENTICESHIPS
ACTIVITY: CAREER INSIGHT
BUSINESS: ROBERTSON



SCOTT DUFF

TRAINEE QUANTITY SURVEYOR

Scott Duff, 28 from Dingwall, is approaching his fourth year with Robertson.

His role involves assisting the senior Quantity Surveyors with day to day activities, which include remeasuring works, valuating subcontractors monthly applications for payment, procuring work packages, compiling and issuing subcontract orders, contract admin and internal monthly reporting.

Through Robertson, Scott has had a number of training opportunities, including industry standard health & safety training and internal training training

through Robertson E-Academy, an online platform which offers employees access to over 1000 courses. He has also attended continued professional development talks with professional bodies within the construction industry. He believes that Robertson are very helpful, saying: *"There is a lot of support in Robertson, I find all my colleagues and management make time for any questions or support required and I know that I can always turn to them for help. The company also has a Young People Strategy, which provides unique opportunities to the development of the workforce and also gives young people a voice within the business"*

WHAT SKILLS DO YOU NEED FOR YOUR JOB?

"The skills that are most important would be:

- communication
- people skills
- working as part of a team
- problem solving
- numeracy
- initiative."



Scott has enjoyed being able to work and learn in the Highlands, saying he has worked on and visited projects in Inverness, Fort William, Skye, Ullapool, Golspie, Tain and Elgin! *"Yes I enjoy the Highlands, there is a variety of different construction projects covering a large geographical area so you get the opportunity to visit different places and meet new people."*

Over this time Scott has achieved an A in HNC in Quantity Surveying at Inverness College (University of the Highlands and Islands), and is currently in his 4th year studying a BSC Quantity Surveying course part-time at Glasgow Caledonia University. This year he will gain a BSC in Quantity Surveying and his goal is to continue his professional development, gaining experience on a variety of projects in the Highlands and progress with his career.

SCOTT WASN'T ALWAYS FOCUSED ON BECOME A QUANTITY SURVEYOR THOUGH

"Originally, I wanted to become an accountant and worked towards a HNC in Accounting, however after completing the course he decided against this pathway and took a few years out, which included going travelling for 6 months and researching opportunities within the construction industry."

HIS ADVICE TO THOSE CONSIDERING THEIR CAREER OPTIONS IS

"You have your whole career ahead of you so there is no rush to choose a job. You may want to see what is involved in a few different industries and areas of work!"

HE RECOMMENDS WORK EXPERIENCE AND UNDERTAKING AN APPRENTICESHIP

"An apprenticeship means you can earn while you learn and gain working experience, which really helps when using the theory you are learning in college or university and implementing this as practical work within industry."

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