

## Gas Networks Ireland – Student Placement Campaign

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**What course are you studying?**

I'm in my third year of Sustainable Energy Engineering in CIT (MTU).

**How did you find out about Gas Networks Ireland's placement programme? How was the application process?**

I found out through college. The details of the placement were emailed to my course and then I chose to apply. It was a really simple application process. I already had my CV ready to be sent to the company's college contact and once I sent it I heard back within a week or so about the interview. The day after the 30 minute interview I found out I got it!

**What has your role been in Gas Networks Ireland?**

I have been a student in the HSQE department working on process safety reporting to the Senior Process Safety Engineers in the company to help develop Gas Networks Ireland's Process Safety Framework.

**What were you expecting before you started?**

I honestly hadn't a clue what to expect before I started. Would it would be a desk job? I hadn't done anything on process safety before this summer! It meant that I was learning something new on everything I did.

**What's been your favourite moment?**

My first day in the office Wayne Mullins, my supervisor, brought me to the Grid Control Room. The operators were able to show me the entire network of natural gas pipelines. It included the stations in Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland. That room is the eyes and ears of the company.



**What's been the biggest thing you've got out of your time here?**

Experience! Definitely experience. Experience for my CV, experience in a 9-5 job, experience reporting to supervisors and managers and hopefully, experience in my future line of work.

**What are you most looking forward to when you return to college?**

The work that Gas Networks Ireland do relates to my course and I think I've learned enough to apply it to my college work now when I go back.

I'm also Returning to Gas Networks Ireland for my college placement in March to another department, which will be something new again!

**What's your advice for next years' group of students?**

Do your research. I researched the company and the work of a Process Safety Engineer before applying for the job to make sure I had interest in the role and the company. It really helped me in the interview and it means I like the job I'm doing so work goes faster and the days fly!