

Gas Networks Ireland – Student Placement Campaign

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What course are you studying?

I am studying a Bachelor of Business in Business Administration at Cork Institute of Technology.

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

I found out about the Gas Network's Ireland placement programme through my placement co-ordinator in college.

Gas Networks Ireland's HR team sent across various placement opportunities within the company. Our placement coordinator then posted these roles on our student blackboard system.

I applied by sending my CV to my placement co-ordinator, letting him know I was interested in this job, he then sent my CV to Gas Networks Ireland to be considered for an interview.

I made it to the interview stage, and was interviewed by a HR Specialist and my new manager. The interview itself was a relaxed, chatty interview where they were both just trying to get to know me and my personality and how well I would fit in to the Corporate Affairs team.

What has your role been in Gas Networks Ireland?

My role has been as Marketing student on the Corporate Affairs team, working closely with the Marketing Strategist.

Because the Corporate Affairs team is so varied I have also been working with Corporate Social Responsibility Manager and the Digital Team, particularly the Social Media Specialist.

What were you expecting before you started?

I didn't expect to be involved as much as I have been, I have been given a great amount of responsibility and have been involved in a lot of projects and work which I wasn't expecting. It has been a great experience and really given me a taste of what working life is like.

What's been your favourite moment?

There have been many great moments throughout my 8 months here but my favourite moment has been being nominated for three Sockies Awards for our Social Media accounts.

Although we did not win, it was a great feeling and achievement to be recognised for the hard work our Social Media Specialist does.



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

Definitely the fact that I've been exposed to many different aspects of the Corporate Affairs team. I have been able to gain experience in Social Media, Corporate Social Responsibility and Marketing. I have been able to learn so much which is definitely the best thing I have gained from here.

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

I'm looking forward to putting what I have learned during placement into use and to see how much I have benefitted from in the last 8 months.

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

Get involved in as many things as you can, always look for work and always offer to help, even if it isn't your strong point. Always be open to expanding your skills and knowledge.