

## Gas Networks Ireland – Student Placement Campaign

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**What course are you studying?**

I'm studying Geology in University College Dublin.

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

My lecturer had been in contact with Jennifer Quinn and she had mentioned that Gas Networks were taking some interns for the summer so I applied directly to Jen.

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

I've been helping Anne and Jen in the Environment Team.

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

As Gas Networks is a fossil fuel company, I had expected it to be very environmentally unfriendly and thought I would be involved in the uncomfortable side of commercial geology but I found the opposite, I was really impressed with the number of projects the Environment Team have taken on in an effort to make the Gas Networks Ireland more sustainable and carbon-neutral. I had no idea there was so much work going on.

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

My favourite moment so far would be the Age Action day we had, it was a lovely day out and a great opportunity to meet people. It was great to see all the different areas of the business come together to take part.

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

The biggest thing I've gotten out of the time here was really the experience of working in a large company and in a team who feel strongly about what they do. I am delighted I had the chance to do the internship, it's entirely different to how I thought it would be prior to starting and it was great to be able to get all of my mistakes out of the way early on! The difference in working with people who enjoy their jobs and work hard to make as much difference as they can in the time they have has been eye opening to say the least and made me really hopeful that I might find something similar after graduation.



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

Going back to college, I'm honestly most excited to have a few lie in's!

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

My advice would be to get stuck in and to take as much initiative as you can! I wish I'd realised that earlier on in the summer and it's definitely something I'll bring forward to wherever I end up next.