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Apprentice Q&A with Nathan Curry

Apprentice Project Manager

We spoke with Nathan Curry, an Apprentice Project Manager, to learn more about their experience in the programme. From developing key skills to sharing their future goals, Nathan gives us an inside look at what it's like to train with RWE.



Experience

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What skills have you learnt so far during your apprenticeship?

My role is in project management within IT, but I don't have an IT background. I've gained technical knowledge by learning from and collaborating with experts in the field. Project management is my main focus.

The biggest skill I've developed, though, is professional behaviour and work experience. Coming straight from school, I had never worked in a professional environment before, and I think that aspect can sometimes be overlooked when people think about apprenticeships. Learning how to conduct myself in an office environment, communicate with senior stakeholders, and adapt to professional expectations has been invaluable.

What has been the biggest challenge you've had to overcome?

One of the biggest challenges for me was learning when to ask for help. At the beginning of my apprenticeship, I wanted to prove my worth and show that I could handle everything on my own. But over time, I realised that asking for support isn't a sign of weakness - it's actually the best way to learn and improve.

As I took on more responsibility, I became much better at recognising when I needed guidance and reaching out for it. There's often a stigma around asking for help, but I've learned that the opposite is true - it's a sign that you're engaged and eager to develop!



Goals

Is there someone who has stood out as being particularly influential on your apprenticeship journey?

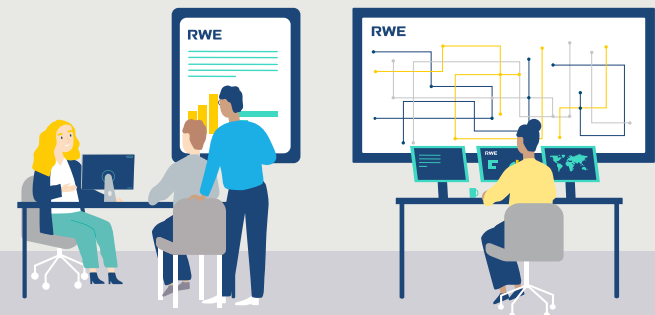
Yes, absolutely. RWE has a buddy system for apprentices, and I was assigned a buddy who had already completed the same course. Having that support from someone who had been through it before was incredibly helpful, especially since we were in the same team. They helped me get settled into the role, learn my way around the company, and navigate the challenges of starting my first full-time job. The experience was absolutely brilliant so much so that I'd love to become a buddy for a new apprentice in the future and offer them the same support that I had.

What are your goals for the future?

In the short term, I'd love to become a buddy for a new apprentice because I know how hard it can be starting out for the first time. I'd love to give someone else the support that I had.

In terms of career development, I want to continue gaining experience in different projects within RWE. My team provides project management services across different areas, so whilst I'm working in one area now, I really want to explore projects in different technical or commercial areas. I really enjoy working at RWE and hope I can stay here for the long term.

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