

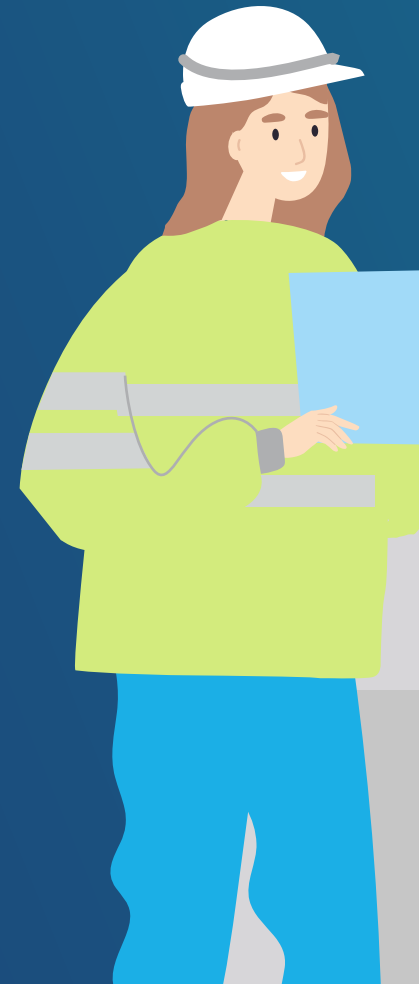
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Apprentice Q&A with Katarina Nikolic

O&M Engineering Technician Apprentice

We spoke with Katarina Nikolic, an O&M Engineering Technician Apprentice, to learn more about their experience in the programme. From developing key skills to overcoming challenges, Katarina gives us an inside look at what it's like to train with RWE.



Experience

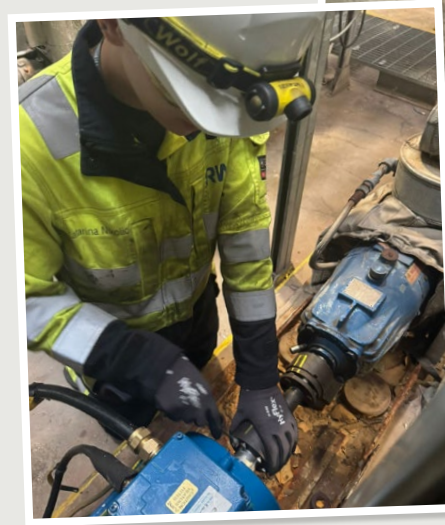
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Why did you choose to go down the apprenticeship route?

I wanted the opportunities that a paid apprenticeship provides. I enjoy the practical side of things and prefer being on-site and getting hands-on with the job. It's very different from being in the classroom.

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

My initial concerns related to being a young female in the energy industry. I thought it was going to be a daunting process, as it is sometimes thoughts of as being “male dominated”. Now, I can see that there are so many females in engineering, and I have not at all been made to feel different or out of place.



**Skills
for life**

What skills have you learnt so far during your apprenticeship?

Moving to Bradford for training was a big change and I had to learn how to be independent.

More practically, I've learned how to both work independently, but also within a team. Before I started, I wondered what it would be like to be in a working environment from such an early age – working with all these different people – but everyone has been friendly and helpful and there is a lot of working in tandem to solve projects. I've also gotten a lot of “behind the scenes” insight into how our energy system works which is fascinating.



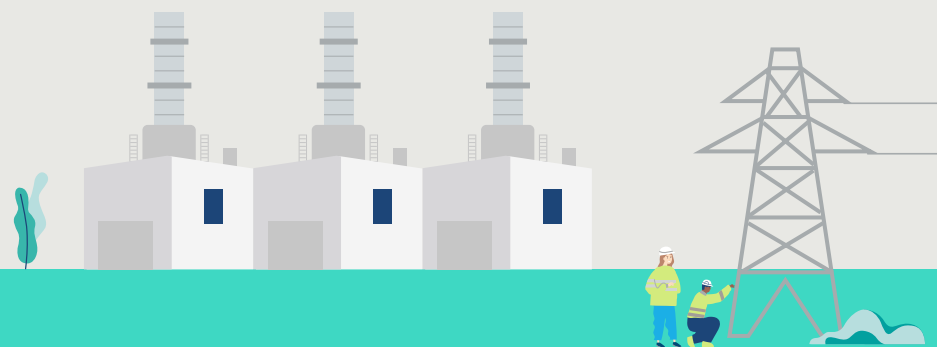


Advice

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What advice would you like to give to applicants who are interested in an apprenticeship?

Go for it! Apply and get it done as it helps you get your career ready at a young age. A lot of people are scared, but if you want to build your career an apprenticeship is the best way to do it. You get the practical experience that you need in the job market.





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