

whyWates?

Above all, it's about people

Nicola is one of our commercial trainees.

She joined us having completed a non construction related degree and is now studying part time for an MSc in Quantity Surveying at Kingston University.

I graduated four year ago with a degree in European Business Studies and French from Swansea University. I then worked in France for a while in various roles including event management for a ski tour operator and selling property in the Alps.

I found out about the Wates trainee programme through a family member who works for the company, she encouraged me to look into the scheme and the role of a surveyor in more detail. I had never considered a career in construction before and didn't realise that there were opportunities for people like me without a construction related degree to retrain. I completed a telephone interview and then was invited to attend an assessment day which resulted in the offer of a place.

Since joining Wates, I have been astounded by the support and encouragement that has been offered to me as a trainee at every level. I have also started a part-time conversion master's degree in Quantity Surveying at Kingston University which is fully supported and funded by Wates. Going back to university after graduating four years ago has been demanding however, my colleagues are always on hand to ask for help or advice and they are fully supportive when deadlines or exams are imminent.

