TRAINING IN ACTION CAREER CASE STUDIES

Neil Burns Gilbert-Ash

Neil Burns is employed by Gilbert Ash (GA). Having grown up on a farm Neil developed an interest and love of working outdoors. As a result, learning practical skills and working within the construction industry seemed a natural progression for his career path. Despite having the opportunity to continue on to A Level, Neil decided to apply for a place on an apprenticeship scheme and successfully did this with Gibert-Ash.

In describing his job Neil said, "Working within the Fitout Division of Gilbert-Ash, my daily duties cover a wide range of tasks from 1st Fix to 2nd Fix joinery work, shop fitting and maintenance works. Being part of a construction team also means that I work closely with other trades and my aim at all times is to produce high quality work to satisfy the needs of the Client. I find completing work in a live building (during client's business hours) is particularly challenging!"

During his time with Gilbert-Ash Neil has encountered a wide range of tasks and he has had the opportunity to travel extensively with the Fitout Team. These experiences have helped to develop Neil's skill levels and also assisted with his personal development.

As a registered employer with CITB-ConstructionSkills NI, GA are focused on training and skills development of their staff to help improve business performance. Neil has trained alongside experienced tradesmen and he continues to develop his management skills through the CIOB Site Supervisory Certificate and Diploma.



Neil Burns working onsite with Gilbert Ash