

Apprenticeship Case Studies

Name:

David Oddy

Apprenticeship Title:

Trainee Estate Surveyor (Fixed Assets)

David is currently an Estates Surveyor with Luton Borough Council. This is his story.

Why did you decide to do an apprenticeship?

I felt the apprenticeship, although a longer route to qualification, offered me a brilliant opportunity to learn a new skill academically whilst gaining valuable experience working directly in the field.

Tell us about your experience of being an apprentice

I enjoyed every minute of it and never felt undervalued by my team or the Council. As I live in Luton it was also great seeing cases I assisted on come to fruition and benefit the community.

Has the apprenticeship helped you progress into a career or a permanent job?

It has, after 2 and a half years as an apprentice I was offered a permanent role as an Assistant Estate Surveyor and once I completed my degree in Estate Management I was offered a promotion to Estates Surveyor where I currently am now working toward RICS professional accreditation.



What do you feel the advantages are of doing an apprenticeship over other education/training programmes?

Although the academic training could've been completed in a shorter time span than learning through the apprenticeship, the actual on hand work experience I felt was essential to achieving my qualifications.

Working with experienced colleagues offers a wealth of information and 'hands on' assistance which is far better than reading directly from a text book in my opinion. The support of an employer like Luton Borough Council really provided me with assurances and goals to work towards.