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What does your job involve?

I'm a graduate project manager but at the moment I'm in Public Affairs which isn't a typical PM placement! My work is really varied and I can be dealing with correspondence from members of the London Assembly, drafting briefings for Transport for London (TfL) staff or attending committee meetings to take notes for the business.

How did you get into transport?

I've always been interested in transport, and living near London, I use TfL's services regularly. When I was at university, I went along to a careers fair and was surprised to see the huge range of roles on offer at TfL. I applied for the Project Management scheme, as I loved the fact there was flexibility to move around the business and get involved with a variety of projects during the two years.

What do you like about working in transport?

No two days are the same – being as high-profile as we are, TfL always has new developments and announcements happening, which makes working here really exciting. Particularly in my current placement, seeing the ways in which politics and TfL interact is fascinating.

What are you most proud of?

I needed to get a 2:1 to meet my offer from TfL for the grad scheme. I studied Physics and really struggled with it – I definitely didn't expect to meet the grade and wasn't even sure if I would pass! However, with a lot of hard work, I got there in the end and was able to get the job.

What would your advice be to someone interested in your role?

I think one of the most important things is to be passionate about TfL and about London. If you are looking to come in as a project management graduate, you will get plenty of training in the technical aspects of the profession when you start.

What do you think is the best thing about a career in transport?

Wherever you are in the country, public transport is an absolutely vital service that connects people with their communities. Being a part of that is really rewarding.