

Why did you choose the landscaping industry for your career?

I chose the landscaping industry because I wanted a hands-on trade that allowed me to work outdoors as well as have the opportunity to work at multiple sites and locations. I had a little experience in a number of trades before I joined Landscape Solutions such as plumbing, painting and landscaping and this was where I found my love for landscaping and knew this was what I wanted to do.

What drew you to the training course you have / are studying?

I was drawn to this course because I knew I wanted to do something in landscaping and the fact that I enjoyed constructing things with my hands made this course perfect for me. I have friends that have completed similar courses such as 'landscaping parks and gardens' but I knew I wanted something a little extra and wanted to challenge myself a little more.

What do you like about working in the industry and being part of a team?

The things I enjoy most about landscaping are all the different things you learn, from putting a plant in the ground, to concreting a slab. I like to challenge myself so the fact this trade has allowed me to learn a little bit of everything has been really enjoyable for me, however I believe the most enjoyable part in landscaping is when you and your team have completed a job and you can step back and really take satisfaction in the fact that you've created this together.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

In 5 years, I see myself as a team leader or a foreman for Landscape Solutions, helping to teach the next generation of apprentices the things I have learned and passing on my knowledge to them. If I am not still with Landscape Solutions, I see myself setting up my own landscape company with my own team working with me.

What advice would you give a school leaver considering their career options?

Some advice I would give a school leaver today is, don't get locked down into something you don't want to do. If you enjoy going to work every day, the work doesn't feel like work, and that is where your best work will come from. Work hard, be a team player and don't let anybody tell you you can't do something.