

Aberdeen Harbour Expansion Project

Meet the Team

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Q. How are Turner & Townsend involved in the project, and when did your involvement begin?

A. My involvement began relatively recently (October 2020) where Turner & Townsend were brought in to help the team develop a schedule to complete and provide some project management support as we see a ramp up in project activity.

Q. What part of the construction project are you involved in?

A. My role is to assist the project leadership in developing strategies for completing the remainder of the project.

Q. What would a typical week look like?

A. As they say in projects, no two days are the same – the variety is one of the great things about what we do. My day can involve anything from having a project leadership team catch-up, discussing a technical query with a designer to reviewing a schedule with one of our contractors.

Q. Have you worked on large construction projects before? If so, what were they?

A. I've been fortunate to have worked on some large, high profile and complex projects in the UK, mainland Europe and the US - most recently the £740m electrification of the railway line between Glasgow and Edinburgh (Edinburgh – Glasgow Improvements Programme ~ EGIP) where I was involved in advance civils works plus the complex Glasgow Queen Street Tunnel upgrade works. I have also been involved in hospital refurbishments, office moves and fit-outs, and large-scale procurement projects for Road Maintenance term contracts. Each project brings its own challenges – but what I really enjoy seeing is how teams can really work together and the positive impacts that projects have.

Q. How do you inspire the next generation of project managers?

A. I'm really passionate about increasing the awareness of project management as a profession and construction as an industry. I am a volunteer for the Association for Project Management (APM) and in this role I regularly speak to students at Schools and Universities about our industry – in fact, quite recently I spoke to the MSc Project Management students at RGU. Having projects such as the South Harbour Expansion Project only serves to show what an exciting and diverse career construction can be, and my hope is that this inspires the next generation to consider the many types of careers available in our industry.

Q. How do you inspire the next generation of project managers?

A. Whilst my involvement is relatively recent, I'm privileged to be involved with a great team who are highly motivated to deliver this complex project which will bring much needed benefits for the local and national economy. The sheer scale of the project is fascinating!

