

Aberdeen Harbour Expansion Project

Meet the Team

Kieran Simpson, Engineer



Q. How long have you been on the project for?

A. I've been part of the project team for nearly two years, and before that, undertook a three-month placement on the project while I was at university.

Q. What kind of qualifications and work experience do you have?

A. I have a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Strathclyde University, and as well as the placement with the Harbour, I spent time on summer placements with Balfour Beatty.

Q. How much time do you spend on site?

A. I'm lucky enough to spend the majority of my time on the construction site. I would say there's a 70/30% split between time on site and office work.

Q. What is your favourite part of the job?

A. I really enjoy being on site and I have learned a lot from our different contractors in all sorts of roles – from engineers, to machine men, to mechanics. Interacting with them every day is definitely one of my favourite things. With the varied nature of the work, the project poses some interesting challenges and aspects I probably wouldn't have come across otherwise.

Q. What does it mean to you to be part of a project like this?

A. Being part of a project like this is a great experience for a graduate engineer. It covers so many areas of engineering, so it's a great opportunity to be part of work that I may not have seen so early on in my career. The marine aspect has opened my eyes to a different, specialist area of engineering and the challenges it has, and the types of

equipment needed to tackle these challenges. From working with local companies as well, I can get a sense of the size and scale of the project as a whole, and what it means to the surrounding area. It really fills you with a sense of pride to be involved in such a big project like this.

