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## Charlotte secures sustainable employment from work experience opportunity with AECOM

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Through the HS2 Women into Construction pilot project, Charlotte has a new career as an Ecological Assistant for HS2 contractor AECOM.

Having no previous experience in ecology, Charlotte undertook a successful four-week work experience placement with AECOM who gave her a six month contract, which has now been extended further.

During her placement she carried out tree surveys, checking for bats and tagging them to follow their movements and discover where their nests were. The attitude and aptitude which Charlotte displayed convinced AECOM to take her on full time and she is now committed to pursuing a new career in ecology.

The project was a collaboration between HS2 Ltd, Women into Construction, the West Midlands Combined Authority, Department for Work & Pensions, South and City College Birmingham and Birmingham City Council.

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“Since I started my 4 week placement at AECOM through HS2’s Women into Construction Pilot Project I had no idea how important ecology was in construction, or that it was a career path I would have ever chosen. Now it’s something that I have a genuine passion for and I am so grateful to AECOM for employing me as an Assistant Ecologist.”

**Charlotte Stevens – Ecological Assistant**



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