

## A day in the life of an NEC accredited Project Manager

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*Please introduce yourself including your background, role and company.*

My name is Jazmine Hayes, I have worked in numerous roles across consulting, client side and contracting. I am currently working for Diviani Consulting Limited, a consultancy who provide quantity surveying services to construction projects, predominantly Mechanical and Electrical. My role on the current project is being the NEC specialist.

*What does your role involve?*

My role involves providing support to the wider team on the NEC processes and administering the contract.

*What does a typical day look like to you?*

My day is mostly spent in the office attending meetings, liaising with my team and contractual administration. The team here is so large and there are dedicated roles that spend more time onsite so I do not need to visit the site daily.

*What do you enjoy the most about your job?*

The best part of my job is providing specialist advice and undertaking reviews.

*How many NEC procured projects have you worked on?*

Over 20, ranging from £250 thousand Professional Service Contracts to multi-billion pound Engineering and Construction Contracts.

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*At what point in your career did you (or your organisation) decide to take the NEC accreditation course?*

I made this decision as I had been working with NEC contracts since I graduated in 2014 and I wanted to gain a qualification to support my experience and gain better understanding. The NEC4: ECC Project Manager Accreditation taught me how, even though I had been doing things in a way I perceived to be correct for a number of years, this was not the correct NEC way.

*What was the one takeaway from the course that you are using every day?*

A proper understanding of Defined Cost.

*What was the first NEC procured project that you worked on?*

The Northern Line Extension from Kennington to Battersea.

*What was the most memorable NEC procured project that you worked on and why?*

The Northern Line Extension working for Mott MacDonald; this was with a great team and we were allowed by management to administer the contract as it should be.

*What advice would you give somebody pursuing engineering as a career?*

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