

Jack McElherron

Construction (Digital Construction Management) Level 5 Foundation Degree Higher Level Apprenticeship

MJM Marine

Jack is completing the Digital Construction Management Foundation Degree HLA with SRC, where he is employed with MJM Marine as a Designer, and he would describe his HLA journey as 'rewarding, transformative, and collaborative'.

Jack chose this route to help him gain experience and practical skills alongside his qualification, and he believes this is the best part of the HLA route.

Jack has also had the benefit of a good work life balance, and can spend his earnings on the things he enjoys such as travelling. Taking the HLA route has allowed Jack time to play Gaelic and go to the gym during the week and also have more spare time at the weekend.

As a Designer, Jack's role involves communicating with contract managers and lead designers on the areas on which he is working and he gets to use different software such as AutoCAD, Inventor and Recap.

Although Jack works within the marine industry, the things which he has learnt in class have given him the knowledge to understand the way things are done in a professional environment and the skills he has gained are easily transferable to a work environment.

Jack would advise anyone considering this route to go for it and ask any questions they have. Since starting his HLA in 2022, Jack would say he hasn't looked back and has had the opportunity to grow both personally and professionally throughout the course both in SRC and with MJM. He notes that when applying, it is important to be confident in your knowledge and ability, outline your skills and show employers your personality in a professional environment.

In September, Jack hopes to move onto the Level 6 Top-Up degree HLA, also with SRC.

