



Alice O'Sullivan
National Design Build Operations Manager

Irish Water Engineer, Alice O'Sullivan has been passionate about engineering ever since attending an engineering lecture in secondary school. The lecture was given by Dr. Michael Creed, Professor of Engineering at University College Cork (UCC) who was so enthusiastic about working in his field of engineering, he inspired her to choose engineering as a career path. Having studied Civil Engineering in UCC, she went on to gain a Masters in Environmental Engineering from Trinity College Dublin before further studies in the fields of Health, Safety and Welfare, Project Management, and Construction Law and Contract Administration.

Since graduating, Alice has enjoyed a very varied career, working not only for herself but also with both local authorities and consultancy practices. For the past 13 years she has worked in the water industry and is currently the National Design Build Operate Manager with Irish Water.

Speaking about her role, Alice said *"I enjoy the variety of issues that arise on a daily basis and the collaboration with a vast array of people from many backgrounds and skillsets that is required to resolve these issues. For that reason, every day is different, and I enjoy seeing myself and my team resolving the various issues which can arise across a portfolio of short and long term Design, Build and Operational projects."*

Speaking about why she thinks engineering is a great career choice, Alice commented *“A qualification in engineering opens the door to many opportunities to allow you to find a career which will play to your strengths. These can range from the roles which are highly technical to those roles which are more people focused. There is a wide-ranging choice of careers to choose from within the field of engineering and in that respect, there are no limitations to what you can achieve.”*