

Nathan Aitken – Trainee Fitter – SP Energy Networks

How did you get into your career?

I realised that I was interested in having a career in the electrical/power industry, so began looking for relevant jobs. I went on to the ScottishPower website and saw an advert for the Craft Apprenticeship Scheme was open and decided to apply.

Why did you choose this career?

I chose this career as it was always a job that interested me. I liked the idea of getting hands-on experience on the tools rather than going to university. I thought I would find this more enjoyable than if I was sitting at a computer all day. The world of electricity is also something that excites me as the world now depends on it so I was keen to get involved in the industry.

Tell us a little about your career - what do you do each day?

Everyday is different, however there are some fundamentals that remain the same.

As a Trainee Fitter, I have the responsibility to ensure the Plant & Apparatus used to distribute electricity to various substation, pillars and homes etc is fit for purpose and in suitable condition to do so. Myself and my colleagues carry out various maintenance responsibilities to achieve this.

In addition to my maintenance responsibilities, I assist with the movement of switchgear, transformers etc in order to fit or replace old or broken existing equipment.

These are just a couple of tasks I am assigned each day.

What is your favourite thing about your job?

My favourite part of the job has to be the fact that everyday I am working at a different location as I was the day before. This keeps the job feeling fresh and enjoyable.

Another favourite is the fact that I'm on the tools and expanding my experience and knowledge in a hands on manner.