

International Women's Day at the NCC

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My background is in polymer materials research and I have a PhD in Polymers and Surface Analysis. Before joining the NCC in 2019, I gained experience within the Automotive Sector as a Senior Project Engineer where my work in materials development and lightweighting led to sustainability projects for future mobility.



Three things I love about my role are:

1. There is an opportunity to champion an approach to sustainability within the composite sector and to make a real difference in terms of environmental impact and resource efficiency.
2. I enjoy working with great people at NCC with a wealth of experience from various backgrounds, which is a great opportunity to learn new things.
3. Our work involves many interesting and wide-ranging projects, working together with companies from multiple sectors where sustainability and resource efficiency is a high priority.

What piece of advice would you give yourself at 16?

There isn't one set direction to achieve your ambition.

I really admire Mary Anning, the 19th Century palaeontologist and fossil collector. She was only 12 when she discovered her first Ichthyosaur, along with many other fossils – some of which can still be seen in the Natural History Museum. I wonder how different things would have been for her if she'd been alive today?