

BCECA profile



Meet Ashley Wilson

Process Engineer

Eni progetti UK

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BCECA members provide engineering, design, procurement, project management and construction services to the process and energy industries worldwide. Eni progetti's, Ashley Wilson, talks about his career to date and current role with a major provider of engineering services globally

Eni is a global, integrated energy company headquartered in Milan. The company, which operates in more than 60 countries, is fully committed to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Eni is working to secure a just energy transition to promote efficient and sustainable access to energy for all. This strategy embraces the ambition to become a leader in the production and sale of decarbonised products. Working from its Basingstoke offices, Eni progetti UK provides engineering services, feasibility studies and consulting for the Eni group and other clients worldwide.

Ashley's journey

"I always wanted to be an engineer, so I studied chemical engineering at Swansea University, graduating with a Masters Degree in 2017. The course included an R&D internship with Crane Co., an engineering-led, industrial products company based in the US. I gained a valuable insight into the working life of a polymer process engineer ahead of graduation. My first job after graduation was with the pharmaceutical services provider, Aptuit, where I spent 13 months as an operations specialist working on a range of processes; this included the production of active ingredients that are used in drugs for the treatment of cancer and epilepsy. It was hugely rewarding. My big break came in 2019 when I was hired as a graduate process engineer with Eni. I haven't looked back."

A career choice that opens doors

"I grew up in Nottinghamshire, and I was pretty good at maths and science in school. I was attracted by the diversity of career paths open to someone with a good degree in chemical engineering. I think I made the right choice because it's opened doors for me to jobs in several different process industries, not least my exciting role with Eni. I've acquired a good understanding of large unit operations including reaction, distillation and filtration processes. My skill and knowledge base fits well with the demands of the engineering contracting sector.

Next moves?

"I've worked on a variety of projects with Eni, including process design and feasibility studies. I'm now looking forward to developing as a process engineer and gaining a strong technical understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing the energy industry. It's the design aspects of the work that really appeal to me. Eni provides me with the opportunity to work on the design of sustainable energy projects all over the world.

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