

Insights into our team; An interview with Gary Mackie

Meet Gary Mackie, Raised Access Contracts Manager. Gary has been part of the team since April 2006, initially recruited into the business through a long-standing Veitchi family member Bobby Berg who recently retired. Gary lives with his partner Lisa and son Tray in Tranent and celebrates 15 years with Veitchi Flooring, and we managed to pin him down to share his story so far.

Q. Where do you see yourself with Veitchi and Raised Access over the next five years?

A. I would love to continue developing my skills by taking courses and increasing my experience in other parts of the business.

Q. If you could do any job in the world, what would it be?

A. Travelling the world tasting lager.

Q. What's the biggest project you have worked on?

A. This would either be Glasgow City Campus (worked on) or Bothwell Street (managed). The most challenging project would be Spittal due to the floor being 2 metres high and the Health & Safety aspect of completing the project.

Q. What's your dream car?

A. Land Rover Sport.

Q. How many miles do you do in your average week?

A. The average week consists of 50/55 hours and 500 miles travelling.

Q. How do you unwind after work?

A. It depends, some days, it's a pint of lager and a pizza, and sometimes it's running to clear my head. I find exercise a good way to release tension, and it promotes good mental health.

Q. Where was your first project?

A. Leonardo, I have just secured my first project with them in my new position.

Q. How does being on the tools compare to managing projects?

A. It's night and day. I have a lot more responsibility as I have people to look after and keep happy; this includes the wider management team and clients.

Q. What's your most significant achievement (work or personal)?

A. Professionally, Neil Murdoch and I were installing 373 metres in one shift at RAF. Personally, Running and completing the Edinburgh Marathon (26.2 miles) in 3hrs & 15mins.

Q. Do you have any hobbies?

A. Running, playing 5s, golf, and I did do a fair bit of cycling in lockdown.

Q. Where's the furthest place you've worked with Veitchi?

A. I have travelled all over Scotland, John 'O' Groats is the furthest.

Q. What is the best thing about working for Veitchi?

A. They look after their staff well, and when I do a good job, it is recognised regardless of the role I have performed.

