



Michael Richardson

I want to use my experience as an apprentice to help other emerging professionals to develop their careers through CIHT, guiding others to implement inclusive and sustainable working practices and helping CIHT to influence the future.

Tell us about yourself and your professional background, including why you want to be a Council Member:

I have been working in the public sector with TVCA for two and a half years now, and have been a CIHT member for the majority of that time. I began as a Transport Planning Technician Apprentice, and moved into a new role at TVCA last April, as a Project Support Officer.

I received my BTEC Transport Planning qualification last summer and I am now preparing for my end point assessment interview through CIHT to become an Engineering Technician.

I want to continue as a Council member because I believe that CIHT's role in influencing the future is vital to helping emerging professionals and apprentices like myself to build a successful career in highways and transportation, and I want to work with CIHT to ensure that the institution is providing the best possible support, not just to emerging professionals but to the industry as a whole.

How will your particular skills and experience benefit Council? Give some examples from your professional or personal life that show you have the right skill set to contribute to the work of Council.

I believe my innovative ideas can continue to provide value to the Council. Starting as an apprentice, I have experienced the value of membership first-hand, and have seen how CIHT can benefit emerging professionals. I have played a role influencing the new Emerging Professionals network through speaking at last year's Young Professionals Summit, and working with the team at CIHT to produce the vision for the network.

I also believe I have the tools to help CIHT to influence the future. Working in the public sector, I have input into local transport policy, and I am currently working to deliver a £310m sustainable transport network. This places me in a position to share good practice from a public sector perspective. My work involves ensuring that our local transport network is safe, sustainable and effective, and I believe I can continue to utilise this skillset to provide benefit to the Council.

Professional Affiliations:

Apprentice Member, CIHT

Education and Qualifications:

2017 - 2019, A Levels, Economics, Mathematics, English Language.

2019 - 2020, Higher Certificate, Sports Journalism - Teesside University.

2020 - 2022, Level 3 BTEC in Transport Planning - Leeds College of Building.

Present Post or Occupation:

Project Support Officer, Tees Valley Combined Authority - April 2022.

Past and Present Service to the Institution:

2021 - CIHT North East and Cumbria Apprentice of the Year

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2022 - present - Communications Officer and Committee Member, CIHT North East and Cumbria

2022 - present - CIHT Council

2022 - Speaker at CIHT's Young Professional's Summit