

Print Apprentice

Jennifer Pyne

Alcan Packaging

Jennifer is one of the first female print apprentices at Alcan Packaging and the youngest apprentice in her group. She was highly commended for her achievements at the Proskills Annual Apprenticeship Awards 2009.



The printing industry has until recent times been a male dominated industry. While the gap between male and female employees has narrowed it is still a predominately male industry. While there were no barriers put in front of Jennifer, there is always a bit more pressure to prove yourself if you are in a minority but Jennifer came through with flying colours.

“Working with men in a male dominated work environment has proved to be no where as daunting as I expected, as long as you can prove you can be as capable as everyone else.” Jennifer Pyne

Jennifer is in her second year as a print apprentice and her duties include working on a number of flexographic printing presses, maintaining production and improvement projects such as waste control.

Jennifer learns quickly, she takes pride in what she can achieve and she contributes to producing a quality profitable product. It is her ambition is to be a skilled printer and she is looking to extend her training with Level 4 and 5 Vocational Qualifications.

“I have been involved in a number of projects to improve productivity, layout and further improve hygiene and have spent days training other departments. I am much more confident when meeting new people and I am more comfortable asking questions which benefit me.” Continued Jennifer

Alcan Packaging has described Jennifer as an exceptional apprentice who is highly thought of by her trainers and colleagues.

“Jennifer is an intelligent, diligent apprentice whose practical print skills are exceptional” said Gerry McKendry at Alcan Packaging