



Linda Kain

Course: MSc Environmental Health (2007 – 2009)

I am a mature student having graduated from Queens University in Belfast with a BSc (Food science) in 1984. I worked for several food companies and then Unilever for 14 years before joining the Environmental Health Department of Dumfries and Galloway Council as a part time Technical Officer. This position was interesting and fitted in well with raising a young family.

I had always been keen to qualify as an EHO but the BSc course was full time and didn't fit in with raising a family and working. In January 2007 through a REHIS circular I heard about the MSc in Environmental health at Strathclyde which could also be done part time. I immediately thought "That's the ideal way for me to qualify as an EHO which fits in with family and work."

I applied and was accepted. I am now in the 2nd year of the MSc part time. It is hard work but it fits in well. I work for the council 3 days each week and attend university the other 2. My Local Council has supported me in the course and it is very helpful to be working in the environment you are studying. The course is very interesting and I have met lots of different people, students and lecturers. I was apprehensive at returning to education after being away for over 20 years but there have been no problems.

I am currently doing my REHIS professional training at the same time as the MSc, which makes everything more relevant. I would certainly recommend the MSc and part time is the ideal way for me to do it.



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