

Case Study

Amy Kosmala

Based in Stroud Amy decided to retrain as an electrician after a ten year career in another profession.

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Amy now runs her own business A.I.K. Electrical in Stroud and the surrounding area, where she offers light commercial, domestic and sustainable electrical solutions to all of her clients.



How do you find working in a primarily male environment?

It doesn't faze me at all. I seem to thrive in this sort of job/environment.

How did you go about joining the industry?

After a ten year career in another field I decided to do something different. So, I took myself off to my local college - Gloucestershire College - and got my City & Guilds 17th edition - Level 3 certification Electrotechnical Technology. Installing and testing domestic PV systems

What do you enjoy most about being an electrician?

The variety and scope of work. Helping people find a solution they may not have thought of themselves. I enjoy doing something practical and active with my brain and body.

What obstacles, if any, have you come across during your time in the industry?

None at all really. I am just fortunate that I started out with some good support around me and I have to admit I didn't ever think about people not wanting to hire me because I'm a woman.

What sort of reaction do you get from customers?

I have always had very positive reactions from the people I work for. I guess that 98% of the time the customer knows that I am on the way so the reaction is slight. I have worked on site a couple of times and encountered the "whoo-la girl on site" attitude. But I have normally won them around by the end of the day with my workmanship and ability on the tools.

How do you relax outside of work?

I enjoy long distance walking and mountaineering and generally trying to maintain a level of fitness. I also do some charity work and am an active blood donor.