

APC Snapshot Interview

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Committee Position – Chair for 2013

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Date of submission – This time last year, October 2012!

Date of accreditation – March 2013

Range of experience you put in your submission:

My range of experience which I put into my submission was vast. Before CgMs I had worked in a range of roles across the private, public and third sectors. These organisations included CBRE, Wandsworth Council and Open City.

I think that this highlights that not everyone is on a graduate scheme or a long term contract anymore. More planners are gaining a variety of experience before completing their APC and this could be due to the change in the types of contracts that are available, especially in the public sector where contracts are often for 3 to 6 months periods. I personally think it is great-we need so many different skill and knowledge bases to deliver development. We should be trying to gain a range of experience in different sectors of planning.



Were you referred and required to re-submit? Yes, I got confused on ‘monitoring and review’, I believe this section has now changed. Additionally I was not explicit on my understanding of legal and political context and framework. However, I did manage to pass on my PDP and ethics, which I know have caught others out!

Top 3 learning points and pitfalls to avoid -

1. Just start! I think this is the biggest hurdle. Just start setting up a template for your log book and submission. I found that made me think about it and then I start adding bits. It becomes much easier. Make sure this in enough time obviously!
2. Going to an APC event helped me to understand the guidance.
3. Don't leave the PDP to the last minute, I think you should think about your aspirations and skills gaps at the beginning because it gives you time to mull over how you can achieve your goals and what might be the best way to tackle your gaps.

If you have questions about the APC process the committee are happy to pass your queries on to the membership department at RTPI just drop us a line at rtpiyoungplanners@gmail.com