Andrew French EngTech LCIBSE MBIFM

What made you choose this career path?
Following a career in engineering services workshop management, I decided I wanted a change, and initially took up a short term position in estate management, that was 25 years ago!

What do you most enjoy about your job?
The variety and surprises that comes with the job.

What is the greatest challenge you face in your job?
Increasing workload and decreasing staff resources.

Please describe a typical working day:
There is no such thing as a typical day, but yesterday I chaired the monthly meeting with the maintenance contractor to discuss a large chiller plant replacement project and the assorted facilities and building services issues expected of a large laboratory complex.

What is your greatest professional achievement to date?
Building and developing the current team I have working for me as well as taking responsibility for a number of successful construction and building services projects over the years.

What attracted you to gain professional registration as an EngTech?
The status it brought with it and being able to say I am registered with the Engineering Council. It looks good on my CV and on the company profile.

How has gaining EngTech helped with your career?
Whilst I rely on my engineering knowledge and experience, gaining professional registration as an EngTech is proof to others that I am working at a certain level.

What advice would you give someone considering professional registration as an EngTech?
Even if you think your career might take you away from the typical role of an EngTech, it is still very useful to have and is a firm platform for the future, providing opportunities for career progression and development.

How does your employer benefit from you being professionally registered as an EngTech?
The company has been through several changes recently and in employing professionally registered engineers and technicians the due diligence process has been made easier.

Where do you see yourself in five years’ time?
Happily retired!

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?
As much road cycling as possible.

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Education and qualifications: CSE, O levels, C&G, BSc (Hons)
Which institution(s) are you a member of? Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE), British Institute of Facilities Management (BIFM)
Grade of membership: Licentiate / Member
Job title: Facilities Manager
Employer: LGC Ltd
Length in current job: 16 years