

# Work Experience Report

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As a student in Civil Engineering at the University of Applied Sciences in Koblenz I, Sarah Scheidweiler, have recently been given the opportunity to engage in the work on different building sites at Huber car park systems in the UK.

Besides the designated time for lectures the Bachelor course in Civil Engineering consists of a four-month work experience period towards the end of the academic training. It serves as a link between the academic studies and the professional practice within the construction industry, through promoting the application of the theoretical knowledge acquired during the course and providing practical work experience.

Huber car park systems gave me the opportunity to do so through participating in two different projects around the London area.

My work placement started in Welwyn Garden City where the construction of a temporary car park with the following multi storey car park for a Tesco office complex had only just began. After getting introduced to the team and issued with the appropriate personal protective equipment I got an overview of the current site situation and my tasks were explained to me. These included keeping the site diary and photographic record of the construction process up to date as well as familiarizing with health and safety standards on building sites in the UK, preparing trade specific safety sheets and giving short briefings in both English and German. Being rather straightforward at the start my responsibilities increased over time. Taking over simple managerial duties such as ordering tools and machinery or planning to coordinating the transport of construction components from Germany or Poland, became part of my contribution to the project as well.

In May I moved to another Huber site in Thamesmead for the start of a multi storey car park construction for Thameside prison. Although the South-East-London project was a rather small and less complex one, I therefore was able to gain an overview of almost the whole construction process from groundworks to fit-out. Besides collecting valuable practical experience, to me the last month, highlighted the complexity of the job as an engineer and the importance of a well-functioning team.

Through working for Huber in the UK I did get the chance to not only obtain an insight of the day to day work on a building site but experience a different culture and language in an international environment. I really appreciate being given the opportunity to engage in two interesting projects and would like to thank the whole Huber team for an interesting and instructive time.