

Georgina Thorpe

Bus Driver

How long have you been in your role?

Two years

What drew you to this role / industry?

I just wanted a complete change of career, so decided to be a bus driver. I used to work as a Sterile Services Technician for Spire Hospitals.

What is the most interesting thing about your role?

Engaging with the passengers (hopefully I have friendly face), I have a good rapport with my passengers.

What's been your proudest moment at First Bus?

Passing my driving test – as I didn't think I would be capable due to the completely different career I have had prior to this role.

What advice would you give to a woman considering the bus industry?

If that is what you want to do, then go for it. Women can be just as good a driver as anyone else and it is a really rewarding job.

How have you personally been supported, included, and encouraged as a woman in the bus industry? Have you had support from a mentor or colleague?

I have been supported by everyone, that goes for all my colleagues, from drivers, through to the management team.

How can we encourage more women into the industry?

Employ more women into the company. This will encourage more women to apply as there will be a visible female presence in industry.

Why does IWD matter?

It is important for equality. The bus industry is predominately male, why should it be? Women play an important role also.

What does this year's theme of 'Inspiring inclusion' mean to you?

The bus industry should not be discriminatory to women and should be gender inclusive in all roles within the business and the industry.

