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What drew you to this role / industry?

Personal Challenge and always wanted to do a driving role.

What does your day-to-day role involve?

As a professional driver, I deal directly with members of the public, ensuring they arrive at their destination safely as possible. The position can be at times stressful, but also so rewarding when you get to meet so many different characters on the bus.

How can we encourage more women into the industry?

Advertising success stories of women succeeding in the industry to a wider audience.

Have you had support from a mentor or colleague?

I have had tremendous support from depot at Ipswich including managers/supervisors and colleagues who I now class as friends.

Why does IWD matter?

It matters because in a male dominated environment it shows how far Women's rights and gender equality have come over the years and what still needs to be achieved.

How long have you been in your role?

Eighteen months

What is the most interesting thing about your role?

I love how no two days are ever the same with the many different types of characters you get to meet everyday.

What's been your proudest moment at First Bus?

So far my proudest moment has been passing PCV licence.

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

Although it can be a challenging career, it also can be very rewarding, and the support given by company and colleagues is second to none.

How have you personally been supported, included and encouraged as a woman in the bus industry?

I have been supported through some challenging moments especially with perimenopause and through anniversaries to do with the passing of my son.

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

For me it's important that all women, regardless of their background feel valued, respected, and equal.