

Tori Burman

Bus Driver

How long have you been in your role?

1 year service at First Bus

What drew you to this role / industry?

I have previously worked in health care and I'm always the driver within my friendship group so thought what a fab mix of customer service and driving, both of which I love!

Also, my uncle worked at Bath depot for years and he sadly passed away, but I saw how much he enjoyed working in this industry. I thought how great it would be to carry on representing my family at First.

What does your day-to-day role involve?

Once I have dropped my youngest off at nursery and eldest to school, I make my way to Bath bus station to work my shift. I am only able to work part time due to being a working mum to my two boys.

I take over my bus from my colleague and complete my duty. I enjoy meeting a variety of people who get on my bus. I remember from my health care working days to greet everyone with a smile and a greeting goes a long way.

What's been your proudest moment at First Bus?

Being able to pass my bus driving licence with also balancing life of a single mum of 2 boys.

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

Don't hesitate to apply. The training and support you get here from First Bus is second to none including advice from my colleagues. They are always willing to share their own experiences and stories of working on the buses.



What is the most interesting thing about your role?

Everything I enjoy driving my customers to their destination meeting a variety of people. We have an amazing team at Bath with plenty of banter, which keeps me going. That helps relieve the stress on what can sometimes be a demanding job due to things out with my control such as traffic jams.

Why does IWD matter?

For me personally, it is about being able to show my boys the importance of working as a mother. There are days that I am actually shattered and not sure how I will get everything done, as there is not enough hours in the day, but I manage to do it still. I really do have a good work life balance as a mum with flexible shifts. I hope my boys are proud of me and the opportunities my job gives allows my boys to have a great life.