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Women in Manufacturing

What is your role within Naylor?

I'm a Production Cell Leader. I've got 3 people in my team and we manufacture ventilation ducting and agility tunnels. We're an all women team.

How did you come to work for Naylor?

I started at Amco at Wath in the sewing factory and then when Naylor acquired the Company I went with it.

What is the best or most interesting thing about what you do?

I'm involved in a lot of things. The most fun is making the agility tunnels and when customers pick mad colours.

Are there any particular challenges that you face?

The products are difficult to make and it is heavy work - some weigh in at 22 kilos. We have to sit on them to fasten them down!

Women are generally under represented within the manufacturing industry, how do you think you've succeeded in this particular field?

I did find it hard at first, it was scary and I had to learn it all from scratch. After a couple of months we still weren't getting the hang of it, industrial sewing is very different to dressmaking or something like that. There's a lot more maths for a start. Sewing was originally a little business up in Scotland that moved to Yorkshire and because of this; we asked to be sent up to Scotland to see how they operated. I stayed up there for a while and gained my skills. I am passionate about my work and I like it to be done right.

Wendy Forde
Production Supervisor



Interview

**What message would you give to a young woman starting in manufacturing, engineering or construction?**

Just knuckle down, listen and if you're not happy, speak out – you need a good atmosphere so be part of that.

You can find out more about careers at Naylor here <http://www.naylor.co.uk/careers/>

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