

# PET-Xi CASE STUDY



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McCulloch Rail specialises in rail handling and rail logistics, providing a highly successful range of services on the UK's railway infrastructure.

The company needed a training provider to deliver a Rail Engineering Technician Level 3 course to apprentices, but found that several large providers could not deliver a flexible course which met its needs. Training provided by PET-Xi

PET-Xi created a bespoke delivery model which sees learners spend three weeks in the classroom before working for three weeks to put their new skills into practice.

The intensive course spans 24 months, rather than the standard 36 months, which means that learners are able to qualify more quickly.

PET-Xi delivers a mixture of classroom and practical training at McCulloch Rail's training sites in Doncaster and Taddington, covering subjects including personal track safety, track rail transposer training, DC Conductor Rails (DCCR) training and hand trolley controller training.

The team also deliver Level 2 maths and English qualifications where required.

PET-Xi has been working with McCulloch Rail for more than two years and has recently seen the very first learners who enrolled on the course qualify.

**Tony Jordan, Head of Skills Support Manager at PET-Xi said:**

"We have an excellent partnership with McCulloch Rail - we work together to deliver the training, ensuring that learners gain the knowledge to become competent rail engineer technicians when in the classroom and that they also get enough hands-on experience during the course.

"We usually work with 10 new learners every six months, and it's really rewarding to see some of our very first cohort pass their final assessments to receive their Level 3 qualification."



**Gregg Martin**



**Martin Balshaw, Operations Manager at McCulloch Rail, said:** “PET-Xi is a fantastic working partner as they understand our business and our vision. PET-Xi has strived to ensure a positive working relationship that benefits our needs and that of our staff at the heart of it.”

### **Learner success story**

One of those to have completed the course as part of his apprenticeship with McCulloch Rail is Gregg Martin. A former trackman, he signed up to the apprenticeship scheme in 2019 to further his career in the railway industry.

Gregg has now successfully completed the programme and has gained a position as a trainer assessor with McCulloch Rail, passing on his knowledge and experience to other apprentices.



PET-Xi Training rail team at the McCulloch Rail Client Event - September 2021

**He said:** “I found the Level 3 course really informative and interesting. The content was thorough and challenging, and I enjoyed learning about different aspects of the railway industry and gaining some behind-the-scenes knowledge.

“It’s fantastic to have gained a position as a trainer assessor with McCulloch – having first-hand experience of the Level 3 course and apprenticeship programme means that I can share insights about my experience and also demonstrate the progression opportunities available on completion.

“I didn’t have any knowledge of railway engineering before my apprenticeship which shows just how far it can take you. No matter what background you have or what job you’ve come from, anything is possible.”

# LEVEL 3 RAIL

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**If you would like to do the same course as Gregg we would love to hear from you!**  
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