

Inspiring a younger generation into STEM and the Aviation Industry

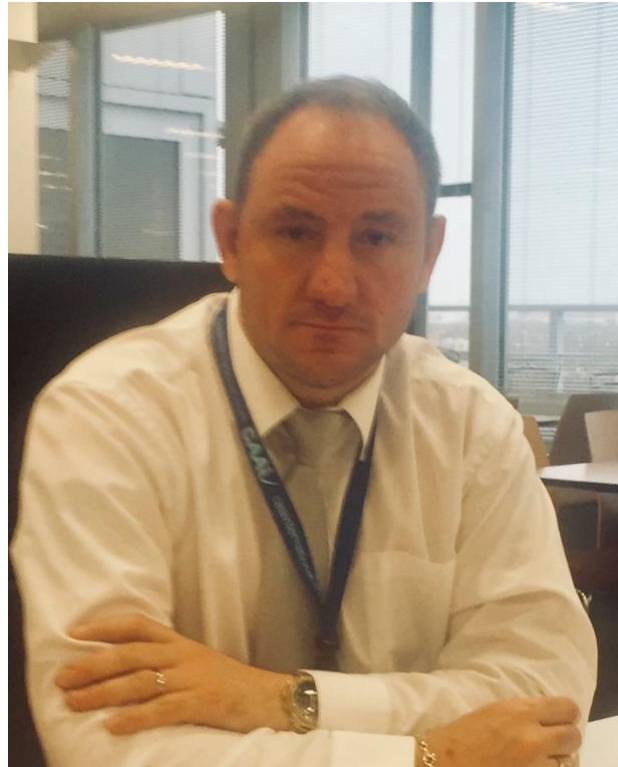
Our goal: Inspiring young people to explore careers in STEM and aviation, to support and encourage their future career choices.

How can you help? By sharing your story

Name & job role:	Damian McConnochie Airworthiness Surveyor
What did you enjoy doing when you were younger?	I enjoyed taking things a part to find out how they worked and then putting them back together
What were your favourite subjects in school? Why?	Physics, Biology and Sport
What or who inspired you to study these?	I didn't really have a person who inspired me, I just enjoyed these more
Did you do work experience? Where and did it help in choosing your career path?	Yes, I did work experience as a part of my BCAR Licence Course it helped cement the basic skills
What was your first job?	Aircraft Apprentice Mechanic
How did you arrive where you are in your career?	I developed skills and experience over time, I knew where I wanted to end my career and I'm pleased to say I made it earlier than expected.
What do you love about your current job?	The diversity of the role and the people and organisations I interact with
What were the biggest challenges/barriers you had to overcome?	Having ADHD has presented me with a number of challenges throughout my career as people judge you unfairly
Who have you looked up to and why?	My father, he was a professional pilot
What is your ambition?	My initial ambition was to become an Airworthiness Surveyor. I know aim to become An Airworthiness Manager
What is the best advice you were given?	Never accept you cannot achieve something. Being human is to learn and overcome

What advice would you give a younger you?	Listen to those who have gone before you and learn from them. Don't be afraid of making difficult decisions.

Any additional comments:



Thank you for sharing your journey.