



IAVI Student Area

IAVI Graduate Profile: Ciara Davin, Treasury Holdings



1. You started your career in nursing, why did you choose to get into the property business?

After qualifying and working as a nurse for eight years, I developed a curiosity about the potential that the commercial world holds, which the public service does not benefit from. This interest grew and after a short time I made a decision to change career paths to focus on Property.

2. When did you decide to undertake the IAVI BSc (Hons) Degree in Property Studies?

I began working at my father's Auctioneers & Chartered Surveyors general practice in September 2004 and realised that it was important to learn the theory of property at the same time as working. It was also necessary to play "catch-up" as having changed careers I was a little older than others at my level. It was a wonderful opportunity to combine theory and practice and therefore the pace of learning was much faster for me.

3. How did you find the course content and final exams?

The BSc (Hons) Degree in property studies was very interesting and lectures were only every second Saturday which meant that not all weekends were taken up studying. Like any exams they present their challenges but were always fair.

4. How did you find your current job?

When John Bruder, the Managing Director of Treasury

Holdings came to DIT Bolton Street (where the IAVI BSc Degree in Property Studies lectures are held) as a guest speaker, I took his business card and contacted him directly about a job. I was offered an interview and soon afterwards I was offered a position on the development team.

5. Can you tell us a little about your work on a day to day basis?

The first 10 months at Treasury were spent working with the development team. This involved dealing with projects currently under construction as well as the master planning of future projects. I gained invaluable experience through dealing with aspects of planning, construction, law, property management, sales, lettings, finance and funding. Currently my work involves dealing with Treasury's investment properties, this includes: managing the properties, the rents and the tenancies. Other roles involve looking for opportunities in the market place as well as thinking up ways to 'sweat' what assets we currently hold. My less conventional and very interesting work includes developing Treasury's sustainable development strategies.

6. What advice or recommendations would you give to students on IAVI accredited courses?

The years pass very quickly, at times it feels like a long haul but in the end it is well worth the qualification. I recommend carefully planning study in the run up to exams; it makes a big difference especially for those who are juggling work and study.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2 year part-time Higher Certificate in Property Studies and the 4 year part-time BSc (Hons) Degree in Property Studies. For more information visit the IAVI website or email education@iavi.ie