



# **WINLPG**

## Women in LPG



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“ALWAYS EARN RESPECT FROM  
YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND  
DEDICATION TO YOUR CAREER,  
NOT FROM HOW YOU LOOK OR  
APPEAR.”

Georgie Cambell

## Meet the Role Models

**WINLPG Role Models introduce successful individuals in the LPG industry and gives an insight into their career path, their challenges and their advice to fellow WINLPG members.**

I began my interest in engineering at an early age, spending most of my spare time in my grandad's workshop. My Grandad was a former Engineer in the RAF and I always promised him that I would follow in his footsteps.

I grew up in Cheshire and attended King's Girls School, Macclesfield, where I completed my GCSE's. I decided to move on to College rather than sixth form, where I studied business and worked part time for my father's company. I then went on to work for a friend who owned a mechanical and electrical design consultancy. I taught myself how to use CAD and began designing building installations alongside engineers. I moved on to large consultancies and attended further college and university courses in mechanical and electrical engineering.

In 2011 after a change of events in my life, I decided to re-locate to Sheffield, where I currently reside. This change took me in to a role that would provide me with a great deal of experience. Not only did I have a large change in industry, but a big wakeup call when dealing with very high profile clients.

Unfortunately, there was no progression in this role and I moved back in to construction for a short period. Not long had I been in the construction role when I received a phone call about my current position. I was rather nervous about applying as I had no direct experience within the LPG industry. However, someone somewhere had faith in me so why not apply, and well the rest is history!

“No matter how challenging a problem may seem,  
there is always a solution. Never give up.”

Georgie Cambell

# SIX KEY QUESTIONS

## What is your goal today?

My goal for today is to ensure that I am providing the best possible results for myself and the organisation. I always endeavour to go that little bit extra in everything I do, which is why I love to encourage and develop new procedures and more efficient ways of working.

## Describe your Pathway?

Having worked alongside my father in the flooring trade from a young age I began to learn the workings of a business environment. I believe this certainly gave me the passion to work hard for what I wanted. I will always remember earning my first £50 for a week's work with my dad. This for me was the realisation of work hard, reap the rewards. From this point on I spent around 8 years in the construction industry which I loved very much, but it simply wasn't enough, I wanted more. Subsequently I found a project engineering role in the special projects department of a mechanical handling company. This role was most definitely the start of my career and progression into LPG.

## Did you face any specific challenges?

I have faced a number of challenges throughout my career both personal and professional. I have struggled with technical knowledge when moving across industries and effectively starting again in some cases. Moving from an industry where people come to you for advice and moving to an industry where you do the asking is very tough and very much a pride thing. My other greatest challenge has been having to work twice as hard, being a woman. I have faced a number of difficult clients and employers that strongly believed there was no place for women in engineering. I have never seen this as a put down but merely a challenge.

## Did you have a mentor and how did this help?

I have had a couple of mentors throughout my life both on a personal and work basis. My first role model / mentor was most definitely my Grandad, his strength, determination and old-fashioned values were most certainly a driving factor. All-though he was old-fashioned he never once showed any disbelief in a girl / woman being an engineer. I have been very lucky with work-based mentors, having spent a lot of time with some very experienced engineers and project managers. Without the mentor's I have had through my career so far, I would most definitely not be where I am today.

## What does leadership mean to you?

Leadership to me means being able to provide support, advice, praise, constructive criticism and inspiration. These are all of the qualities that I would look for in a leader. I believe that as much as knowledge and experience play a large part in leadership, it is still very important to be personable. Sometimes that single "well done" or "great job" can drive a person to go that extra mile and go home feeling appreciated.

## What three pieces of advice would you give to someone embarking on their career with LPG?

1. Be prepared to be constantly learning. Laws and regulations are ever changing, usually just as you get used to something.
2. There are always new challenges, use these to develop your knowledge and learn.
3. Enjoy it. This is an exciting industry and an exciting product to work with.



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