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I started my career as an apprentice motor vehicle mechanic in 1981 at a local Ford Motors (cars) dealership. After I had finished my apprenticeship I worked as a PSV fitter & Coach Driver and a HGV fitter/charge hand & driver.

After several years in this type of work, I moved on to my first management role as a Transport Logistics Co-Coordinator, (Assistant transport manager), and then on to Operations Manager renting refrigerated vehicles and trailers. When I was made redundant from this role I moved to Castle Cement as an LGV Driver.

When the extra duties as Fuel Champion were advertised on the board in early 2007, I took the opportunity to use my previous experience and improve my knowledge by applying for the position and was successful. My appointment officially began in March 2007.

I am also IRTE registered (Eng Tech, AMSOE + AMIRTE) and member of BTAC.

My job title is Fuel Champion at Hanson Cement (formally Castle Cement). My main task is to improve the fuel efficiency of our LGV fleet across the country. This is achieved by fuel monitoring, trialling and implementing modifications to vehicles, fuel trials on new vehicles before purchasing and driver monitoring & training.

The presentation will be based on Dr Michael Coyle's Fuel Champion Course at the university and what I have achieved through it. My project on the course was based on lowering the height of our curtain sided trailers and the effect on the MPG (Miles per gallon).