



Exeter  
City Council

## Emma Osmundsen

**Position:** Housing Development Manager and Client Lead (Build)

**Company:** Exeter City Council

**Sector:** Local Government (Client)

**Constructing Excellence Region:** Devon and Exeter

### What's the day job?

Overseeing the development and delivery of new affordable homes across Exeter and large scale capital build projects (Leisure Centre, Bus Station etc.)

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### What do you like to do in your free time?

Mountaineering  
Horse riding  
Mountain Biking  
Fly fishing

### What has been the highlight of your career?

Every successfully completed development provides a highlight each and every time including engaging with fantastic consultancy and contracting teams.

### What did you want to be growing up?

Chartered Surveyor

### What has been the most challenging moment of your career?

Moving from the Private Sector to the Public Sector and adjusting to a new and very different work culture.

### What was your first job?

Burger flipper at Wimpy

### What are your views on the hot topics in construction?

- The industry needs more women at all levels and in all sectors of construction.
- Clients should consider ensuring their project briefs include for Climate Ready designed buildings.
- Greater support and initiatives should be sought to increase and strengthen the number of SMEs in the industry so workload can be spread more widely and there are greater opportunities for apprenticeships.
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### Where is your favourite place in the world?

Scottish Highlands

### If stranded on a desert island, what would 3 items would you take?

Radio  
Cutlery fork  
Silk Parachute

### What do you think/hope the construction industry will look like in the future?

More gender balanced and diverse; Leading –edge; Sexy

*"Great resource for widening influence"*

### How did you get involved in Constructing Excellence?

I was introduced to Constructing Excellence through attending a regional event two years ago. This event led to others and eventually some of the specialist groups and last year I agreed to join the Regional Board.

### What are the benefits of CESW membership?

Cross-sector networking; Great resource for widening influence; Offers some fun and engaging opportunities.