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<b>Name</b>	George Gifford
<b>Date of Birth</b>	14 September 1960
<b>Position in Company</b>	Director
<b>Professional Qualifications</b>	CEng BEng MCIBSE



### Career Summary

Dec 2007 – Present	Director, Desco Ltd.
April 2004 – Dec 2007	Associate Director, Desco Ltd.
2002 – 2004	Associate Director, WSP Consulting Engineers
2000 - 2002	Associate, WSP Consulting Engineers
1998 – 2000	Senior Mechanical Engineer, WSP
1991 – 1998	Mechanical Engineer, RW Gregory and Partners
1984 – 1991	Technical Assistant, Gateshead Council
1977 – 1984	Plumber/Apprentice Plumber, Gateshead Council

George, a Chartered Engineer, started in the industry by serving a trade apprenticeship in mechanical engineering before moving into design and consultancy and graduating with a degree. He worked his way through the ranks of a large national engineering consultancy before joining Desco in 2004. In his role as Associate Director at Desco, George led one of the practice's mechanical services teams on a number of prestigious projects, across a variety of sectors. Promoted to the board of directors in December 2007, George has been responsible for the development of a new office in Newcastle with one of the practice's design groups, taking responsibility for technical delivery of a broad portfolio of projects.

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