

Curriculum Vitae

Name	George Gifford
Date of Birth	14 September 1960
Position in Company	Director
Professional Qualifications	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 is responsible for developing a new office in Newcastle with one of the practice's design groups; taking responsibility for technical delivery of a broad portfolio of projects, resourcing, programming, conceptual design, value engineering and sustainability issues.