

In the spotlight... Oliver Siederer



Q. What is your role at Method?

A. Building Services Engineer

Q. What does a typical day look like for you?

A. Usually involves getting in and catching up on emails, followed by getting on project specific tasks like heat loss calculations and mark-ups, break for lunch with usually a game or two of pool (probably losing both) and having a nice chat with colleagues from other teams to see what other projects are going on and the challenges faced by them. There will often be project specific discussions throughout the day with my team.

Q. What is the favourite part about working for Method?

A. The very welcoming friendly environment.

Q. Three words to describe Method?

A. Challenging, exciting, social.

Q. What drew you to Method originally?

A. The focus on sustainability, renewables and reducing energy demand of buildings as this is key if we are to reduce our huge impact on the environment.

Q. What has been your favorite project at Method?

A. Currently the project I am working on at the moment called Somerset Cultural Centre as it has given me a chance to learn how to use Revit our 3D building modelling software which is very exciting to use and the project also proposes using biomass!

Q. If you could switch your job with anyone else within Method, whose job would you want?

A. Very happy with my current job but if I had to switch I'd say BREEAM assessors as they are constantly involved in sustainable projects and keep on pushing for greater reductions in the building environmental impact.

Q. Before working at Method, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had?

A. Turbine blade coatings research at the University of Southampton as we had to produce and run a completely novel testing method for these materials and discovered something very fundamental in the process.

Q. What would you do (for a career) if you weren't doing this?

A. Engineering renewables like wind turbines

Q. What advice do you have for prospective Method candidates?

A. I know it's a cliché but relax and be yourself, everyone here is super welcoming and always happy to answer and questions you have and help you improve yourself

and the fun questions!

Q. Any favourite lines from a movie?

A. So many favorite lines but I probably say Golems lines from Lord of the Rings the most (I like to think I can do the voice quite well).

Q. Do you recall any embarrassing moment at work?

A. Having never made a cup of tea before, I offered to get my boss one and thought white tea was to do with the leaves used not putting milk in, sufficed to say I got it wrong.

Q. If given a chance, who would you like to be for a day?

A. Easy. Tony Stark/Ironman, he's a genius billionaire superhero with great friends what else do you want?

Q. If Hollywood made a movie about your life, who would you like to see cast as you?

A. Chris Hemsworth despite looking nothing like him

Q. What is your favorite sport?

A. Squash love that you can win by out thinking your opponent rather than being athletic (I still lose either way)