



ALUMNI OF THE MONTH JUNE 2024



Leigh McGonagle

I currently serve as an Insurance and Reinsurance Broker specializing in Oil, Gas, and Mining based in Singapore. My journey began in 2014 when I embarked on the Lloyd's of London apprenticeship.

Having secured suitable grades in the first year of sixth form (A,B,C), I chose the Lloyd's of London apprenticeship over university. The allure of the vibrant City of London, with the iconic Lloyd's building, drew me in. The apprenticeship included Chartered Insurance Institute qualifications, paralleling those pursued by graduates, alongside an NVQ apprenticeship, providing a distinct advantage in qualifications.



The program, spanning 18 months, hosted 10 apprentices. It comprised two placements within the London insurance market. Initially, I spent 6 months as a Downstream energy broker, followed by a

PROFILE:

NAME: Leigh McGonagle

JOB: Insurance and Reinsurance Broker

YEAR left STM: 2013

After GCSEs:

Apprenticeship, Chartered Insurance Institute

Subjects studied at A

LEVEL:

Business, Geology and Religious Studies

year underwriting "on the box" at Lloyd's. The face-to-face trading environment at Lloyd's resonated with me, and after completing the apprenticeship, I continued on the box for 5 years with Lloyd's underwriting authority.

Seeking a return to broking with a focus on oil, gas, and mining, I joined a Lloyd's broker a year before the pandemic. When the pandemic struck, remote work became the norm. Seizing an opportunity, I relocated to Singapore as an energy expert to contribute to the team's growth and strengthen our presence in the region. Two years into my Singapore stint, I hold a local contract with an employment pass.

Frequently traversing Southeast Asia, I meet clients every other month. Recent visits include Jakarta and Hong Kong, with plans to head to the Philippines next month. While I miss home and haven't been back to the UK in two years, I eagerly anticipate catching up with friends and London market peers this summer.