

INFRASTRUCTURE WOMEN IN FOCUS



WIN NZ has been established to increase the visibility of women in the infrastructure sector. Every month we profile a different woman working in a different part of the industry. If you would like to be profiled, or would like to nominate someone to be profiled, please answer the questions below and send your picture through to [Tara](#).

We'd like to introduce Emily as our next Woman of Focus. In addition to her role at Beca, Emily also acts as a committee member of the WIN Christchurch Chapter.



EMILY CAMBRIDGE

TEAM LEAD / REGISTERED
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT



1. What company or organisation do you work for and what is your role there?

I work for Beca as a Senior Landscape Architect and Active Transport Integration and Team Leader of the SI Design Practice.

2. Tell us about your career background and how you got to this position/role?

I started as a graduate landscape architect at Beca in 2010. I have been involved in a wide variety of projects from water and road infrastructure, public realm and recreation. I have a passion for walking and cycling which has led me to get involved in a variety of active transport specific projects. I have recently returned from Amsterdam where I was selected to attend a summer school course 'Planning a Cycling City.'

3. Tell us about a project are you currently working on and why it interests you?

I have been leading the landscape and urban design for the Peloton design team on the Christchurch Major Cycleway programme for over three years. I have been involved throughout the design process from route selection through to detailed design and construction. I have thoroughly enjoyed bringing value to the front end phases of the project and bringing positive outcomes to the communities. It is so rewarding watching the numbers of cyclists in Christchurch continue to rise so quickly.

4. What's the hardest job you've ever done and why?

I have been involved in several large scale infrastructure projects which have required me to be located at a separate project office. Consisting of the projects' alliance team generally made up of several design firms and contractors, there are often lots of new people; timelines can be tight and the pressure can be high. It's important to collaborate and learn how to work with such a large team, especially in the field of landscape and urban design which can be a challenge if your discipline is unknown within the alliance.

5. Can you think of one example where your "diversity" has materially affected the outcome of a work situation or project, either positively or negatively?

I come from a design background at Beca and often get the opportunity to workshop complex design projects. I love being able to sit at the same table with a diverse range of experts from various design disciplines. The projects where we collaborate from the beginning are the ones where the best outcomes are realised - and the ones I have fun doing.

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