

# SHORTLISTED FOR CHARTERED MANAGER OF THE YEAR 2020



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**Becoming Chartered was a way of demonstrating a standard that I had achieved and validated my level of skills.**



**"I am extremely pleased to be recognised, and it is a great honour to be shortlisted.** It is a great opportunity to showcase my skills and I am very happy to be recognised for this.

**Being Chartered is hugely important to me and my professional career.** Becoming Chartered was a natural progression for me, as I am already a Fellow. Having a Fellowship and being a Chartered Manager validates my level of skills, as they are the highest professional accolades that you can achieve.

**I know that being Chartered has improved my career prospects and boosted my confidence.** It demonstrates that I have the transferable skills to be the best manager in a range of environments. I have worked in many roles across many fields and being Chartered has given me the confidence to tackle many new challenges.

## ABOUT THE AWARD

**The Chartered Manager of the Year award recognises and celebrates the outstanding achievements and contribution Chartered Managers bring to their workplace and to their own personal development.**



**I took the qualified route to become Chartered.** The whole process was very easy and convenient. I already had the skills and experience, so it became a matter of transcribing that into the context of what CMI were asking for, in order to demonstrate how I met the standards.

**If I could give my younger self some advice... I would say aim high and believe in yourself.** I am still very ambitious and aim to be in a director's position in the future, as well as continuing to fulfil my voluntary commitments and further academic studies, such as a PHD."

**Sarah Gardner is the Projects and Improvement Manager at Coalo** - providing a range of specialist services to local authorities and housing associations. Sarah found the whole process to becoming Chartered easy and very accessible, saying "It seemed like a really natural progression to become Chartered... it was a matter of putting my skills into the context of what CMI were asking for."

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