



Renee Griffin

Operations Manager



What option subjects did you choose to Leaving Cert?
Chemistry, Home Economics, French, German

When did you complete your Leaving Cert?
1996.

Did you have a part-time job after school?
a. Worked in various part-time jobs in the summers; potato picking(!), waitressing, grocery store, etc. Worked in Debenhams at weekends during college.

Did you play sport when you were in school?
I would have liked to have played more sport, I liked Hockey but didn't play it outside of school. I was a ballet nut!

Did you go to college? If so, what college did you attend?
Yes, U.C.C.

What college course did you study?
Nutritional Science degree followed by a research masters in Flavour Chemistry.



Share some details about any industry roles you have had in your lifetime.

- Microbiologist
- Sensory Analyst
- Flavour Analyst
- Global Quality Co-ordinator
- Lab Team Lead (Raw Materials / Sensory)
- Quality Engineer
- Ireland Technical Manager
- Ireland Compliance Manager
- Site Quality Manager
- Global Principal Quality Engineer
- Operations Manager

What skills you have developed over the years?

Technical; various analytical test methods & equipment, Microsoft word/excel/PowerPoint/access (anyone remember access?), food safety risk assessments, lean methodology & tools...

Soft Skills; teamwork, self-awareness/understanding others, project management, presenting & influencing, time management, people management, problem-solving...

What is your current role?

I am currently the Operations Manager in PepsiCo Carrigaline where we make all of the Pepsi, Gatorade, Mountain Dew & Bubly flavours for the U.S. market. I am responsible for the processing, packaging and shipping all of what we make to the highest Health & Safety and Quality standards to ultimately create smiles for our customers!

Why would you recommend a career in your industry?

There are so many different options and opportunities to grow in a STEM career that it never gets boring!

