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Job: Strategic Delivery Partner

Company: Department for Education

I'm a Strategic Delivery Partner in the Digital Directorate at the Department for Education (DfE). I work on a range of digital projects, which includes doing digital content design, communications, research, project management, and stakeholder engagement.

Introverted

Driven

Curious

The skills I use most in my job...Digital content design

- Research and analysis
- Communications
- Project management
- Stakeholder management and engagement

The most interesting thing I've worked on in my career so far...Before I started my job at DfE, I did a PhD in the History Department at Lancaster University. As part of this, I wrote an 80,000 word thesis, presented my work at 10 conferences, taught undergraduate students, and established an international

research network. I have used the communications skills I developed during my time as a PhD student to start doing some project work in digital content design. It's been amazingly interesting to see how I've been able to use my transferable skills in this.

What inspired me into digital and tech...I was really drawn to the user-centred focus of Digital; I'm really interested in analysing people and users, trying to understand what their needs are, and designing things around them.

My educational background is...I studied for a BA, MA, and PhD in History. People always assumed that I was bound to be interested in being a History teacher - I never was. Studying History enables you to develop a vast range of transferable skills, ranging from analysis to communication.

What advice I'd give to girls thinking about a career in digital and tech...Don't let people tell you that you can't do it! Also, don't listen to people who tell you that your Humanities degree doesn't prepare you for a range of jobs.