

## ERIN BRAMWELL



**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.