KIRSTY TIDMARSH

Job: Senior Software Engineer

Company: Department for Work and Pensions

I work with Business Analysts, Developers, Testers, Customers and Managers to help build solutions to problems that help millions of customers in their daily lives. I also share my knowledge with other developers so that we can learn from each other and improve our skills. Outside of work I am part of a network of Ladies who code and other females that work in digital who encourage each other to become more confident in their jobs and inspire the next generation of women in digital

Chilled	Helpful	Smart

The skills I use most in my job... Coding
• Problem Solving

The most interesting thing I've worked on in my career so far...I've been lucky enough to travel to different countries in my career, to attend conferences or visit client sites. It's a fantastic experience to see something you build being used by a customer

What inspired me into digital and tech... We always had a computer in our house and my mum used to work on them so I've always been interested but I really enjoyed an intro to coding in high school

My educational background is...I studied Business and IT at University because I wanted to be an accountant but enjoyed the IT side more and decided to become a Developer instead

What advice I'd give to girls thinking about a career in digital and tech... There's so many exciting things happening in Tech now its a fantastic industry to be a part of and it's definitely going to influence a lot of things in the future