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Job: Technical Director

Company: Atkins

I am a Technical Director helping Clients set their strategies based on their vision or mission statement and then working with them to look at how they can implement those strategies.

Motivated

Professional

Collaborator

The skills I use most in my job...Building Stakeholder Relationships

- Strategy Development
- Active Listening
- Ability to understand a vision and how to turn this into a tangible solution/outcome/output
- Building Successful Teams

The most interesting thing I've worked on in my career so far...Artificial Intelligence Strategy. Technology is advancing at such a pace it is exciting to explore how I can help Clients use AI to operate in the future. It can range from using machine language to really innovate thinking. AI has so many possibilities and is still emerging.

What inspired me into digital and tech...My Science Teacher lit a lightbulb whilst holding it in his hand. I was fascinated how that happened without a power source and it inspired me to learn more. Technology continuously changes the world we live in, we can admire it, embrace it or be part of its evolution!

My educational background is...Business Studies and Sociology A Levels HNC in Telecommunications Engineering FdSC in Management of Information Systems Achieved CISSP (Certified Information Systems Security Professional). Over a four year period, I completed an MSc in Cyber Defence and Information Assurance. Completed courses in project management, understanding risk, frameworks including NIST and TOGAF.

What advice I'd give to girls thinking about a career in digital and tech...There is a misconception you must excel in STEM subjects, but this field needs a broad spectrum of skillsets. Behavioural Science for example is essential in understanding cyber threats and how an adversary might behave. We need curious minds and diversity of thought. That means we need you!