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Job: Lead Engagement Engineer

Company: Home Office

I am a Lead Engagement Engineer at the Home Office, dedicated to supporting and strengthening the Engineering profession within Digital, Data, and Technology (DDaT). I promote continuous professional development opportunities to our colleagues as well as leading efforts to identify improved tools and technologies.

Organised	Persistent	Approachable

The skills I use most in my job... Stakeholder Engagement – I work closely with engineers across Home Office DDaT and external organisations, bringing people together to collaborate on key workstreams.

• Communication – As someone who bridges the gap between technical and non-technical audiences, clear and effective communication is at the heart of what I do. Whether it's creating content for newsletters, managing digital platforms or hosting monthly engineering meetups, I ensure knowledge is shared and connections are built.

The most interesting thing I've worked on in my career so far... One of the most exciting

experiences in my career was collaborating with Technical Architects on various projects. Stepping outside my usual responsibilities I gained new technical insights and even contributed to software designs, a challenge that pushed me to grow and expand my skill set.

What inspired me into digital and tech... My journey into tech was sparked by my brother, a Central Processing Unit (CPU) Design Engineer who encouraged me to explore opportunities in DDaT. With his support, I pursued technical and non-technical courses, took a leap of faith and haven't looked back since!

My educational background is...I studied a BSc in Psychology with Criminology at Nottingham Trent University. Since I've been at the Home Office and as my interest in tech has grown, I have followed my curiosity and studied a few short courses (Python Coding Bootcamp and Web Development) and have also gained further qualifications (Cloud Certifications – Amazon Web Services (AWS) & Microsoft Azure and British Computer Society (BCS) Foundation Certificate in Architecture Concepts and Domains) that have helped to shape and further my career.

What advice I'd give to girls thinking about a career in digital and tech... There is no one path into tech! No matter your background, there's a place for you in this field. Explore bootcamps, development programmes and tech communities—you'll be surprised at the opportunities that are out there.