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Job: Programme Director

Company: The IT Gnome Limited

I'm a programme director who has worked in delivery and transformation in both supplier and client roles for 20+ years across digital transformation, cloud hosting transformation and many systems implementations both in the UK and around the world.

Driven

Collaborative

Tenacious

The skills I use most in my job...Programme delivery and planning

- Risk management
- Stakeholder and communication management
- Target operating model design and delivery
- Mentoring and team sourcing / building

The most interesting thing I've worked on in my career so far...Probably the digital transformation and fan engagement programme at Liverpool FC. As a lifelong fan of the club , it was great to work on such a diverse range of delivery in the year that the Champions League was won !

What inspired me into digital and tech... I like problem solving and I liked seeing programmes through to hand over to BAU. From working in software I understood early on the need to make sure requirements and the business need were understood by the tech team.

My educational background is... I don't come from a tech background particularly bar computer studies GCSE. I have a masters degree in French which has been helpful on global projects & when I worked for EMC in France. My route into IT was via business analysis, delivering projects for software houses and working with tech teams, to running major programmes & a global hosting architecture function for a pharmaceutical company.

What advice I'd give to girls thinking about a career in digital and tech... Speak to us ! The world is digital first and digital native for your generation, I already mentor girls on a more generic basis but you can learn a lot from those of us that have already walked the path !