

## YEKATERINA MCDONOUGH



**Job:** Senior Consultant

**Company:** Deloitte

As a senior consultant I help the clients to reach their goals in developing solutions, specialising in platform engineering and back end developing. I also am keen on team building, architecture and work with people on purpose initiative.

Empathetic

Curious

Brave

**The skills I use most in my job...**Back-end

- Platform
- Monitoring
- Code Analysis and Security

- People and Purpose

**The most interesting thing I've worked on in my career so far...** I worked on various projects throughout my career, from government, banking to retail. The most interesting one, I'd say, would be the time where I developed the first ever image recognition and recommendation tool for one of the big fashion retailers.

**What inspired me into digital and tech...** My dad, who is my best ally: I was always in art and thought that I want to be creating things. He said to me very inspiring words "engineering is like art - you create things that people enjoy".

**My educational background is...** I have studied History of Arts initially specialising in theatre and contemporary art, but then switch my focus to Computer Science later, completing both BSc and MSc in it. I also worked as a Teaching Assistant from my 2nd year at university, which was an amazing experience - I was the only female TA at that time and supporting girls and inspiring them was very rewarding.

**What advice I'd give to girls thinking about a career in digital and tech...** Be brave. No one ever will tell you are not capable. There's so much support around you. You are more than able to do ANYTHING that you want to do.