A Day in the Life of a Version 1

Portfolio Manager

Eimear Murphy from our Ireland Digital & Cloud Solutions team discusses her role.

What led you to the career path you're on now?

I studied Electronic Engineering in UL and worked originally on leading edge integrated circuit design. I progressed to leading project teams and programmes. After 15 years, I wanted to gain experience in other areas and moved to a variety of roles in Product management, and IT project management. I'm still an engineer at heart and I joined Version 1 because they are a technology company and offered me interesting roles utilising my project management expertise and technical knowledge and experience.

What does your working week look like at a glance?

I'm currently a Portfolio Manager for a major public service client with responsibility for 6 projects. I spend a lot of time attending steering, checking in with stakeholders, reviewing financial reports and meeting the project teams to solve any problems impacting the projects. When I'm not dealing directly with the projects, I am working on initiatives to improve governance processes.

What are the key moments in your day?

Every day is different. The constant is thinking "what can I do to help my projects today?"

How does your typical workday differ now compared to pre-COVID?

The role hasn't changed too much apart but with everyone working from home so all meetings are remote. My role involves communication with multiple teams and stakeholders, so I have to make more effort to make sure I am keeping up to date with everything. The atmosphere on the team is really good and we all work hard to maintain that even though we haven't seen each other in months.

What are the best AND most challenging parts of your job?

I love solving problems and mentoring project teams, to help them achieve. No-one likes admin and paperwork, but there is a satisfaction when it's done.

What advice would you give to someone looking to join your team?

Always be curious and interested. You have to love solving problems and keep up the optimism that there is a solution.

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