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What inspired you to pursue the career path that you are on?

I began my career straight from university and worked in Event Management in the IT industry for 5 years. I joined Version 1 as their Event Manager but found that I enjoyed projects outside of events more than events themselves. When the opportunity to become a Delivery Manager arose I went for it so I could be more customer-facing, take on new challenges and stay at Version 1.

What does a typical day for you look like?

Every day for me is different but, each day has the common goal of enabling our agile teams to deliver effectively and efficiently for our customers. Having a project team of over 40 people, I would also say a vital part of my role is ensuring that team morale is high and that they are interacting with each other socially, especially when we are working remotely.

How do you continue to grow professionally?

I continue to challenge myself and look one step ahead. I get involved in other activities that will help me to learn from others, learn new skills and help me to continue to grow professionally.

What is a commonly held opinion in your industry that you disagree with?

That you must be technical to work in the technology industry. Having an interest in technology is definitely a bonus but, there are so many roles that you do not need to have in-depth technical knowledge for and, you typically pick up a lot of what you need to know whilst working in the industry.

What advice do you have for other women interested in joining your field/team?

Do it! Whether it seems to be a logical move or not for your career path, what's the worst that could happen? You get out what you put in. If you push yourself and really get involved, you will achieve.

Who is a woman that has made a positive impact on your career?

As cliché as it is, I would say my mother. She has worked her way to a senior position in government whilst studying for an MBA and raising children. It inspires me to constantly challenge myself, push the boundaries and defy the stereotypes.

How do you define success?

Being happy, getting satisfaction out of your job and being proud of where you are and what you are doing.

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