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Quality Assurer

What does your job entail?

I currently work in the Department for the Economy, in the European Funding Division. My current role is a Quality Assurer. I am responsible for checking claims for European Projects in the community.

How did you get into this line of work?

I started in the Civil Service when I was 19 some 21 years ago. At that time I had just finished my A Levels (again), had to repeat. I decided that I no longer wanted to be in school and chose to apply for a Civil Service job as I knew that there were a vast number of career options.

Outline your career to date

I have worked in the following roles:

- Job Centre - I helped with finding people jobs
- Construction Service - now known as properties division, I dealt with works invoices
- Civil Service Art Collection - I helped manage the vast art collection owned by the Civil Service
- NI Court Service - I worked in Human Resources, Estate Branch looking after the court buildings, Judicial Studies Board, aided in organising training for Judges and Lay Magistrates
- DARD - Specialist Estate Branch, I looked after the specialist estate which included labs and Campus labs
- DfE - European Funding

Tell us about your qualifications and training

I have 8 GCSE's, 1 AS level and 2 A Levels and a NVQ in Business Administration, through the Civil Service.

What qualities are required for your job – personal and professional?

A good work ethic, a willingness to learn new things and be adaptable, roles can change a lot.

Tell us an interesting fact about yourself

I am an avid baker and recently took up crocheting. I enjoy my fitness and have a Personal Trainer. I was also born in America.

Who has inspired you most in your life?

I would say it would be my Gran, she raised 12 children in a small 3-bedroom house. How she coped I will never know. She was a fabulous woman, so kind and caring and was always ready for a bit fun or a big hug.

What advice would you give your 16-year-old self?

My Gran always told me 'What is for you won't go by you'. I live by this, if I don't get a position that I go for I always think that there is something better to come.