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Please can you describe your role?

I am responsible to manage client projects and staff my consultant team.

What experiences do you think have proved beneficial to your career journey?

Leading a student body as chairwoman.

What impact did the 2008 financial crash have on your career path?

I left Uni to do a PhD. While I was not personally affected initially, I saw contracts for postdoctoral shortening increasingly, sometimes to as short as 6 months. Many people had no chance to extend their contract and had to move. When entering the workforce in 2012, there was just 1 job that offered an immediate permanent contract.

What advice would you give to students thinking about employment in your field?

Do not hesitate to move out of the academic path you currently follow. Select pertinent ways to broaden your experience. You will need to do that in the job market anyway.

Is there any other advice you would like to give to current students moving from university to working life?

Find your passion. It will drive you to succeed. That being said, you can also find passion in so many things so do not limit yourself to one potential role.