

Staff Profile

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1. Why did you choose Plus Accounting?

I chose Plus Accounting as a 'next step' in my career. They stood out because they are innovative and pushing to expand, so there is opportunity to learn and grow with them. They are also friendly and approachable, and care about their clients' success.

2. If you could change one thing in the tax system, what would it be and why?

Get some more knowledgeable and experienced people answering the phones at HMRC!

3. If you could give your 18-year-old self one piece of advice what would it be?

Stop comparing yourself to others – you're doing fine – and don't waste time 'getting ready' for the main event, you're already in it!

4. What was your very first job?

My first full time job when I finished school was as a veterinary nurse, which I did for 10 years before discovering bookkeeping.

5. What hobbies do you have outside of work?

I love hiking and camping, and I play trumpet in a couple of bands around Brighton.

6. Is it still a good time to be starting a new business in the current climate?

It depends on the sector! If you've got a well-considered business model, a solid plan and enough capital to weather the rocky periods, then there is certainly money to be made.

7. If you suddenly became financially independent, what would you miss most about your job?

Getting to help lots of different people run their businesses, and playing with spreadsheets every day.

8. What is the difference between a top ten 10 employer and a smaller firm?

I think a smaller firm can offer a more personalised and personable experience for their employees, with more opportunities to diversify and grow, rather than being stuck in the 'machine' of a much larger employer.

9. If you could meet a celebrity, dead or alive, who would it be?

Marcus Aurelius, but he probably wouldn't be that fun, so perhaps Steve Irwin.

10. Describe yourself in three words?

Kind, curious and hard-working.