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Owner and Senior Consultant

DESCRIBE YOUR JOB IN FIVE WORDS...

Environmental consultant working with people

WHERE DO YOU WORK?

WORK FROM HOME, COVER THE WHOLE OF THE UK

WHAT DO YOU GENERALLY WEAR TO WORK?

Casual

WHAT IS A TYPICAL DAY LIKE?

A typical office day would be a mixture of client meetings (on zoom), team discussions to about contract delivery and report writing. The most enjoyable days are the ones out of the office (once or twice a week if lucky) when I am visiting sites, assessing projects or facilitating workshops.

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES?

Keeping a small business viable. Getting the balance right between winning new work and delivering a quality outcome.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?

The great variety of work I get involved in – from rewilding to community engagement. It is also great working as part of a small team.

What is a general career route for this job?

All members of our team had jobs in the public or charity sectors before becoming a consultant.

What qualifications, attributes and skills did you need to get the job?

Degree level qualification but it does not have to be in an environmental subject. Ability to get on with a wide cross section of people. Resilience to manage the ups and downs of consultancy; sometimes there is loads of work, sometimes very little.

What tips and advice would you give someone interested in this type of job or career?

I think the best consultants, especially in the areas I work, are those who have had a variety of work and life experiences. I am championing the generalist, someone who can turn their hand to a wide range of tasks and keep smiling!

If you would like to know more about the type of work a small consultancy like mine does **please go to www.r4c.org.uk**

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