



# ACCENTURE BREAK|THROUGH

## VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

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I think five years ago I would have been questioning whether I would be able to do this. It felt near-on impossible.

I joined Accenture in 2000 on the graduate scheme. It was an amazing start to my career. After a 10-year career in consulting, we decided to have a family and I decided to be a stay-at-home Mum.

I'd always wanted to be at home for my children, especially for those early years.

But one year led to another and another, and before I knew it, I'd been at home for nine years.

There came a time when I felt ready to go back to work. I wanted to develop professionally, learn new skills and have a change.

It was a scary prospect, applying for jobs. It was difficult to stand out with such a long career break. It felt backward in a way, that somebody that had a great skillset just wasn't being recognised.

I came across the Accenture Breakthrough returners programme and was absolutely thrilled to receive an offer. It had been just what I was waiting for

i did five weeks of training, five weeks on a project, and it also gave me access to senior leadership – so we had people coming in, talking to us about AI, robotics and cloud technology. And that skills refresh gave me the confidence I needed to get back to it.

I'm now a project manager, I've got a lovely team and I feel really well supported.

I think it's an amazing programme, because it recognises the fact that people that have had a career break still have a lot to contribute.