



RACHEL'S STORY

VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

I'm Rachel Lewis, Senior Business Analyst at Accenture and this is my story. I grew up in Newcastle.

Growing up as a child, I was incredibly into my creative hobbies and spent all day making things, drawing things, reading things and writing things.

I ended up studying philosophy and literature at Warwick University, which gave me an option to study some of the things I'd really enjoyed at school but also to maybe look at things in a bit more of a creative angle.

I got heavily involved in Musical Theatre Society at Warwick, designing costumes for their theatre shows every year. When I finished my undergrad degree, I wasn't really sure what I wanted to do next, so I applied to Northumbria for a law conversion course.

I applied down in London for a masters in the History of Design, and I applied for a Costume Design, practical masters at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

So, what it was ultimately made me decide to do Costume Design was just the fact that I've been given this opportunity. I didn't want to look back and think I should have done it. I wanted to seize my moment.

I went straight into being a freelance costume designer. I really, really loved the creative elements of it, being able to put my skills into practice, but the freelancing elements of it really didn't agree with me.

So, I found myself a role as a Project Manager with a large company, and I found the transition really interesting. Not least because I was going into a nine to five role, but I was actually using a lot of the skills that I had been using as a Costume Designer in a more corporate environment.

I ended up leaving project management, and this is the point at which I came to Accenture up in Edinburgh.

There are so many opportunities, so many different clients to work with, so many different projects to work on, which means that you're never really stuck doing the same thing.

I think one of the key things I've learned is never to regret any of the decisions that I've made. Ultimately, you will end up where you need to be and so really, you should just enjoy the ride.