



ROY'S STORY

VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

I'm Roy Rangarirai. I'm a Software Engineer here at Accenture, and this is my story. I actually was born in Zimbabwe, I lived there with my parents.

I was six years old when I got to the UK. Coming to the UK, obviously was an interesting experience. People are always willing to give their perspective on things.

People would say to me 'oh wow, your English is amazing' and these were the teachers. So, you can imagine what the children of the playground would say. I'm a carer to my younger sister, Anita. That basically means just looking after somebody who needs 24-hour supervision.

I knew I wanted to get away from Oxford. I needed to experience life elsewhere. Newcastle was cool. It looked cool. It looked nice and I just enjoyed the Geordie vibe. I found that people were very welcoming, I settled in very easily, I got lots of great friends.

In terms of the course. I studied chemistry. Although it was very, very intense, I was given the opportunity to excel when I got a good grade or when I did something well, there was always another door that said, well, actually you could do this better and I liked that spur on.

Towards the end of my degree, everything was becoming a lot more computational and I thought I could just diversify this a bit more and apply this to multiple different industries.

Accenture was somewhere you come to try out a load of different roles. From the beginning I was invited, actually on the basis that you don't have to choose your path now.

I've been given the opportunity to do some incredible things, work on immensely high-profile government projects and meet executives and CEOs and CFOs and some of the biggest companies in the United Kingdom and around the world.

I have learned that, you will be confronted with many different paths, but as long as you know where you want to be, be open and be confident that the path you've chosen may not be the one that you've thought of, but it will lead you to the destination that you truly desire.