

# Where Are They Now?

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### **What do I do now?**

I am happily married with two lovely children. I work at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office as an Administration Officer. I have worked at the FCO for over 16 years in various roles! As part of my role, I have had the opportunity travel and have participated in overseas visits to Morocco and Paris. I have regular interpreter support throughout the week, which enables me to access meetings and communicate with colleagues. I hope to be promoted soon so that I can continue to develop my career.

### **How did I achieve this?**

I studied at school from 1977 to 1985. After this, I went to Doncaster College for 3 years and gained a certificate in Business Skills. Before joining the FCO, I worked at the Head Office of Courage Ltd for 7 years and Parkman Ltd for 2 and a half years. I then decided to specialise in finance and achieved an AAT Accounting NVQ Level 2. This has been very useful in my work in the Civil Service. I have also focused on improving my English skills through regular tutorials.

### **What is my advice?**

As deaf people we face many barriers. Do not let these stop you from achieving. With hard work and determination you can overcome anything and find a job that suits your skills. Make the most of your time at school to try different things, gain new skills and find out what makes you happy.