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What Career are you in, and what sort of things does this entail?

Chief Risk Officer (CRO) for an insurance company. It involves making sure the company has identified the main risks that it faces and has enough controls to stop them happening and enough money (capital) to cope if the worst does happen. The main aim is to make sure we can always pay policyholders.

What inspired you to go into your chosen career?

I drifted into it! I'm a Chartered Accountant really but I enjoyed working on the capital calculations so I learned more, took some Institute of Risk Management exams, and just applied.

What advice would you give to anyone interested in working in your career area?

It's more interesting than it sounds because you have to think of all the angles and work with different people all across the business. There's no one route in. Other Risk professionals that I know are actuaries, accountants or have Risk specific qualifications- or just relevant business experience.

What do you know now, that you wish you'd known when you were leaving Malbank?

You might end up in a role you don't even know exists yet. I'd never heard of CRO. Also, you get more confident as you get older, I used to be very quiet but now I don't mind presenting to the Board, chairing meetings etc. I could never have done that in year 13.

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