



Inspiring a younger generation into STEM and the Aviation Industry

Our goal: Inspiring young people to explore careers in STEM and aviation, to support and encourage their future career choices.

How can you help? By sharing your story

Name & job role:	Richard Moriarty Chief Executive
What did you enjoy doing when you were younger?	Playing football and being outside.
What were your favourite subjects in school? Why?	Economics – to learn about how markets operate. History – to learn what shaped our societies and cultures.
What or who inspired you to study these?	My Grandad – he was largely self-taught and inspired in me an innate curiosity about learning and the world.
Did you do work experience? Where and did it help in choosing your career path?	Started as a ‘paper boy’ at 11 and worked after school in a butcher shop from 13-16. Helped me understand working with the public and developing a ‘work ethic’.
What was your first job?	First job after leaving university was to be an Assistant Economist with the Gas Regulator (predecessor of Ofgem).
How did you arrive where you are in your career?	Have moved across several organisations (8 in total) in public and private sector albeit with an anchor around regulation. Different organisations helped give me a broader perspective on some leadership issues. Also did something completely different earlier in my career by working for the Foreign Office.
What do you love about your current job?	Engaging with CAA colleagues on really interesting issues. No day is ever the same.
What were the biggest challenges/barriers you had to overcome?	My own Imposter Syndrome for 20 years about my background/upbringing.
Who have you looked up to and why?	Lots of people! I find inspiration in so many and constantly thinking what I can learn from them. This includes many conversations with CAA colleagues where I learn and reinforce my respect and admiration for them.

Thank you for sharing your journey.

<p>What is your ambition?</p>	<p>To ensure the CAA is seen as a great organisation for what it does for our stakeholders and for what it offers our people. My primary role is to create the system where others in the CAA succeed; it's not about me.</p>
<p>What is the best advice you were given?</p>	<p>I have benefited from some great advice over the years. A couple I often recall: "Be the best version of yourself, because we you can't be anyone else" "Managers do things right; leaders do the right thing". "How you make people feel is much more powerful than what you say".</p>
<p>What advice would you give a younger you?</p>	<p>Be grateful that mobile phones and social media were not available then!</p>

Any additional comments:



Thank you for sharing your journey.