

## 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:	Vicki Johnson Business Support Officer
What did you enjoy doing when you were younger?	Grew up abroad so enjoyed seeing different cultures and sunshine
What were your favourite subjects in school? Why?	Languages and geography
What or who inspired you to study these?	Had some good teachers at school
Did you do work experience? Where and did it help in choosing your career path?	Check in/Customer services with BA at Gatwick made me realise that I had made the right decision with my choice of college course
What was your first job?	Customer Services agent Retail Travel Agent
How did you arrive where you are in your career?	18 years across all major Tour Operators working in all sectors – sales, customer services, crises control and post booking helpdesk
What do you love about your current job?	Complete variety across different areas and learning something different every day
What were the biggest challenges/barriers you had to overcome?	Progressing my career at the CAA without having a specialist degree or holding any type of aviation license.
Who have you looked up to and why?	Anyone who is proud of what they have achieved and is happy to share their knowledge
What is your ambition?	To be either a Technical Officer or Technical Support Officer.

What is the best advice you were given?	That a degree is always what you need to succeed
What advice would you give a younger you?	That its okay to be different and celebrate your achievements however small.

Any additional comments: None.



Thank you for sharing your journey.