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A Day in the life of...



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MY ALARM GOES OFF...

My days are certainly different pre and post Covid-19! Before March 2020, my alarm would go off at 7am in order to commute to the office in time for the working day. As a relationship manager meeting with clients regularly, I would wear a suit and tie in order to present a professional image. Often, I would take a bag of gym gear to go for a run at lunch along the river or even run home at the end of the day. Since March 2020, one benefit of working from home is the commute time saved, which allows me to wake up at 8am most days. It also takes me much less time to get ready as I no longer have to do-up a tie every day!

I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR...

I manage the operational relationship of the most important institutional clients of Societe Generale's Global Markets business. My day involves interacting with clients to discuss our current delivery of services, assisting clients with a

broad range of queries relating from regulation to technology and helping drive a client centric culture throughout our organisation. Before Covid-19, my job required regular travel throughout Europe to meet clients which was a great way to develop relationships whilst experiencing many different cultures and meeting new people.

I JOINED THE PRIDE & ALLIES NETWORK BECAUSE...

I'm originally from Australia and the Pride & Allies Network at work has been a great way to expand my social network since moving here. It brings a sense of community into the workplace. The Network regularly organises and promotes social, cultural and educational events with partner networks, cross-industry. This has also allowed me to expand my network further, both professionally and socially.



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BEING PART OF THE NETWORK INVOLVES...

I regularly participate in the events organised by the Network. This could be attending educational session with guest speakers throughout the working day, social events in the evening with fellow Soc Gen Network employees or attending events organised by other Industry Pride & Allies Networks. My favourite event is the annual BFI Flare Film Festival which is sponsored by our company.

THE NETWORK PROMOTES INCLUSIVITY BY...

The Network organises educational and training sessions on LGBTQ themes as well as other social and inclusive topics. It also provides a support layer for those staff who feel they have someone/a community to go to for advice if they feel uncomfortable going directly to more formal channels in the workplace.

WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, I WANTED TO BE...

When I was younger, I wanted to be a pilot. Even as a young kid I had the travel bug! However as I grew older, I was more interested in social sciences at High School. I studied Economics at University; however I have always been a 'people person' and been good at dealing with customers (even with part-time jobs at school) so a relationship manager in financial services was the perfect fit. It's a job I discovered once I started working professionally and I have always worked in client-facing roles.

MY ROLE MODEL GROWING UP WAS...

I played a lot of sport when I was younger including tennis. I really admired Pat Rafter (Australian tennis player) when I was younger, both for this talent but also his sportsmanship, intelligence and his giving back to the community through charity.

AFTER WORK I...

During the working week, I keep quite a low profile in order to be as productive at work as possible (I can't bounce back quite so easily after a mid-week night out now I'm in my 30s). I try to exercise a lot, complete my French homework (which I'm studying through work) and relax by watching TV or skyping friends and family. On the weekend however, I am very busy and try to keep myself as active and social as possible. This often includes a visit to an art gallery or some shopping, a run around one of London's parks, lunch and dinners with friends which, pre-Covid, would be normally end up on the dance floor at a bar or club.

TO YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE PART OF THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY.....

It's really important to always stay positive and surround yourself with a solid and supportive network, whether that be family, friends or people in the community you identify with. Our peers mature at different rates and if someone feels different to what they see around them, rest assured a community does exist out there for them. It can be very easy to get caught up and to place a lot of pressure on oneself during High School or University, but these are really only a few years of your life and ultimately they don't define anyone's potential. Have an open mind, work hard, don't be afraid to meet new people or put yourself forward for different opportunities, and there's no limit to what you can achieve.

