

# I LOVE MY JOB!

## Aran Bird, Aviva, Corporate Responsibility Consultant



- **Where did you go to school?** The Hewitt Academy
- **What path did you take to get to your current position?** I joined Aviva straight after doing A-Level's as a Summer temp. I enjoyed working and earning money so much that I applied for a permanent role rather than go to University and have been here ever since in a variety of roles.
- **What subjects did you study?** Performing Arts, Philosophy of Religion and Islamic Studies and Psychology
- **How many jobs have you had, and can you name them?** I had various weekend roles when at school which included working in retail and then a pub when I got older. I have always worked at Aviva as a permanent job and have been here for 22 years.
- **What school subjects link to your career?** I think Performing Arts helped me with confidence and speaking out publicly. Psychology also has given me a broader understanding of people's behaviours.
- **A typical day in your current role looks like:** I do a lot of work around data analysis and looking at how our UK business is performing in respect of employee schemes such as volunteering, Payroll Giving and our charitable donations. I also work on our strategy and how we can give more back to community organisations by having a deeper impact than just giving away money. My day usually includes a lot of Skype calls and emails!
- **What skills do you use daily, that you learnt at school?** Building rapport and working alongside a variety of people with different personalities. I also think having respect is a big one, so appreciating the roles people do and how they impact what I do.
- **What is the number #1 piece of advice you've been given that helped you with your career choice?** Do something you enjoy! Your career is a huge part of your life and it's important you have lots more good days than bad.
- **Where do you see yourself in 5 years?** I think I will still be at Aviva, hopefully in a similar role to the one I do now. Definitely something which I have a passion for, either people or the planet (like I do now!)
- **What is the average salary for this role?** £31-55k

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- **If you could have done anything differently on your career journey, what would it be?** I wouldn't have done anything differently. Aviva has enabled me to have a reasonable amount of job security, great holiday allowance and pension benefits. All of this has given me a good work/life balance and enabled me to travel a lot which I have always been grateful for.



## Why do you love your job?

I am fortunate that the role I do helps support community organisations and charities which I have an interest in. I feel like the role I do makes a difference and that's important to me. I also work with like-minded people and this makes a good team environment.