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5 Takeaways from 5 Established Women in Tech

From Creatives in Tech: What are the Roles & Fields in Tech?
A Google Techmakers Ambassadors IWD event

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Please share about a favorite project or what you like most in your field.

I got to work on Phillip's ultrasound system, and then when I was eventually getting an ultrasound for my own child, I was like, "oh there's some piece of my contribution in this software." That's the beauty of tech.

What is a challenge you had to overcome working in your field?

Family always comes first, and you have to make some kind of sacrifices for them. Even though everyone says there is gender equality already, at the end of the day it's our sacrifice. For example, I was going to get the next promotion, but I was going on a maternity at the same time, so I had to choose between the leave and what I needed to do to start a family. I feel this is an obstacle every woman has to go through.

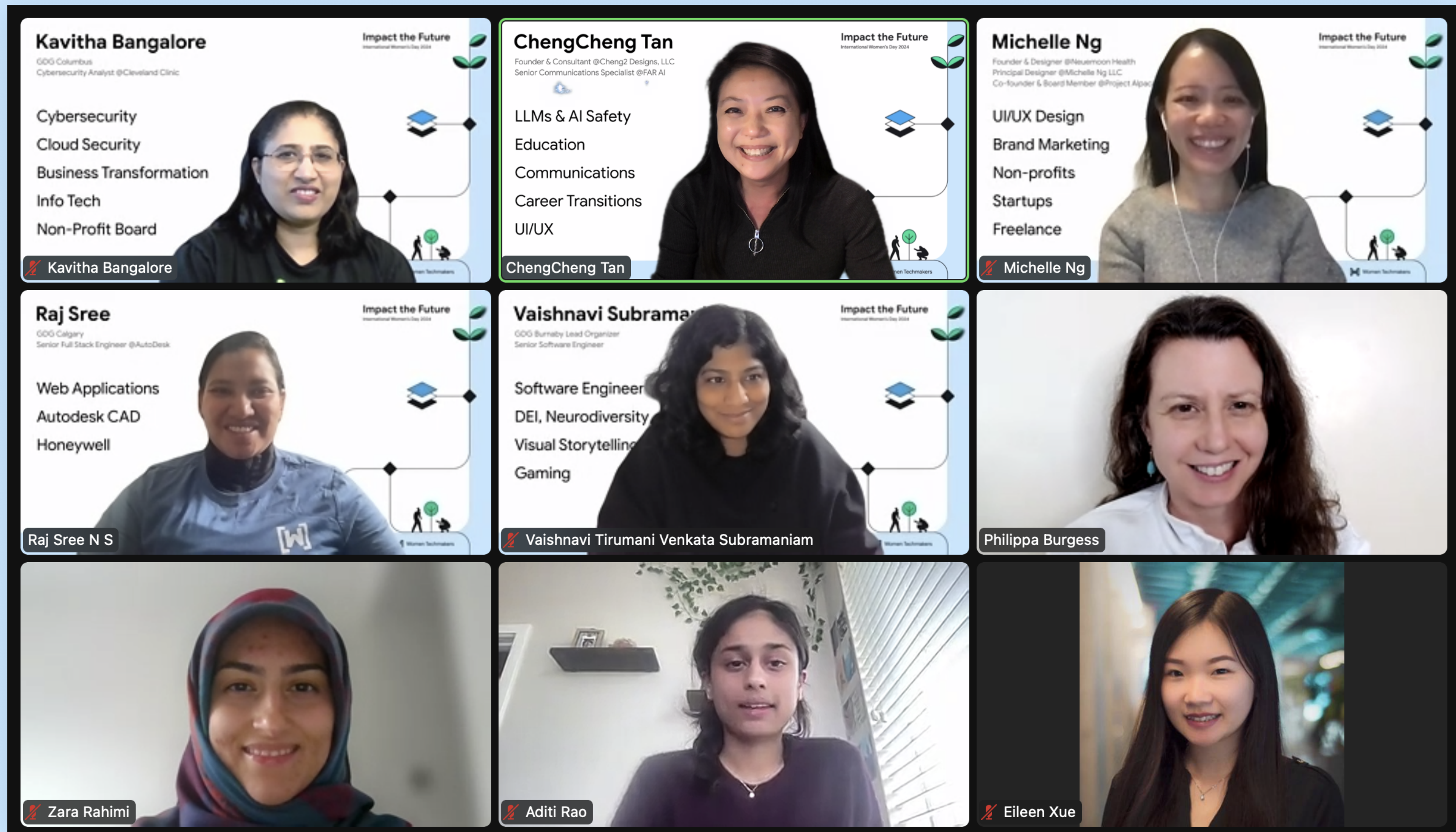# Describe some other opportunities in your field?

I'm seeing people who haven't worked in cybersecurity also coming into the field. For example, if somebody was in accounting, they come into cybersecurity in the accounting/financial space. Employers need that kind of people. It definitely involves an initial learning curve but there are pathways for people coming from different backgrounds.

What advice would you offer for those interested in your field?

Do a passion project. Find a problem in your community that you want to solve. Tech is a tool, so build something that can solve a problem meaningful for you and put it in your portfolio. People shouldn't be confined into thinking just full-time jobs. Do contract work, find clients, work for small businesses & nonprofits. They are always looking for people but cannot hire. You don't always have to go after the big companies like Google, Facebook, and Amazon. Don't be a cog in the system.

Any final words of wisdom for our audience?

The reason why I'm a Google Women Techmakers Ambassador is to encourage other women who are earlier on in their career or who have taken a career break. You don't have to have a linear career path. Everybody is unique, and we all have to find our paths and our mentorships.

Thoughts? Questions?
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