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SKILLS

Policy

Government Relations

Science & Technology

Creative problem-solving

Team building

Networking

Visual design

EDUCATION

BA Hons. English University of Bristol

2011 - 2014

1st class, ranked 3rd in year.

MSc Political Sociology London School of Economics

2022 - 2023

Undertaking a 1-year full-time course, focusing on my interests in institutions, technology governance and the future.

COURSES

Data: Law, Policy & Regulation
London School of Economics (2021)

CS50x: Introduction to Computer Science Harvard University (2022)

Supervised Machine Learning (MOOC)
Stanford University (ongoing)

PROFILE

Creative policy professional, currently studying for an MSc in Political Sociology at LSE. Six years experience in science & technology policy, government strategy and evidence-based policymaking. Passionate about technology, creativity, and the future.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Head of International Team at Office for Science & Technology Strategy, UK Government June 2021 - present

Researched and developed a new systems-oriented approach to government science and technology policy, working closely with the Prime Minister's office, and successfully oversaw its implementation across multiple government departments.

Exceptional management of a 3-person team responsible for the Prime Minister and Cabinet Office's international engagement on science and technology.

Established international networks and engaged with other governments, to coordinate and exchange knowledge on technology strategy.

I am currently on sabbatical to undertake a MSc (see EDUCATION).

Senior Adviser, Internet Policy at National Security Secretariat, UK Government April 2019 - June 2021

Responsible for Cabinet Office oversight of the government's digital and internet policy, with a focus on standards and national security, disinformation and online safety. Delivered decisive advice to the National Security Adviser on international technical standards.

What Works Adviser at Prime Minister's Implementation Unit, UK Cabinet Office May 2017 - April 2019

Created and promoted frameworks and products to facilitate the use and generation of high-quality evidence by policymakers. Designed and delivered lectures, courses and advice to policy teams and academics on evidence-use and empirical evaluations in policy-making. Developed the evaluation model for the £90m Youth Endowment Fund.

Project Manager at Home Office Digital Nov 2015 - May 2017

Managed Agile private beta testing and improvements for new digital visa application processes.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Painting; Architectural and furniture design; Web design; Walking; Hosting parties; Workplace inclusivity and wellbeing...