**Q11. What is your proudest achievement? (Self-starting personality)**

Becoming head of Graduate Network for BT and starting to work with charity Making the Leap.

**Q12. What will Code First Girls enable you to create that you cannot currently?**

Create my own websites for myself and my colleagues, create intranet portals and pages which require basic coding, Create simple apps.

**Q13. What efforts have you made to learn to code already?**

I signed up for a free course with Code Academy. I tried their HTML basic course and …

I am also taking part in the free MOOC ‘Introduction to computer science’ run by Harvard University (it teaches basics of coding in C and Python)

**Q14. So, what excites you about tech? What is your favourite start-up? Why?**

What excites me about technology are three things: problem-solving, creativity and the possibilities.

I think that technology has a huge potential to help solve some of society’s problems. Whenever I have to travel, I am so grateful to the founders of Airbnb because they have solved some of the biggest issues that pestered me and other travellers (hotel availability, tiny impersonal rooms, and high prices) and flat-owners (what do I do with the unused rooms in my flat? Why does my flat have to be empty when I go on holiday and I still have to pay my mortgage on it? ) They solved these problems simply by creating a portal and an app that connected home/flat-owners and travellers.

I have always enjoyed creating new things; what excites me about programming, is the ability to create new things, videos, games, websites and apps to solve real-life problems.

When I play as Geralt in one of my favourite games ‘The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt’, which has one of the vastest, open-world structures I know that is has been designed by a dedicated team of techies (it took them 5 years to design and create ‘Witcher I’ and they have half the budget of larger game companies). The possibilities to create new worlds, new characters and details are endless.

I have always been impressed with how small companies, such as Google or Yahoo, have grown from a small start-up to a large business, but my favourite start-up at the moment is called ‘IamIN’ and is led by to enthusiastic young lady called Kamila, whom I have had the privilege to have met. The reason why I like this particular start-up is because I had an opportunity to do some testing for them before the official launch: the app is incredibly easy to use, completely intuitive, and it also encourages you to try things you have never done before (for example, yoga on a rooftop, French cooking class etc).

**Q15. Have you ever thought of starting your own start-up? If so, what ideas have you had?**

I think leading a business and coding have one thing in common: problem solving.

One of the biggest problems that small and medium size businesses face is people management related issues: the legislation is complex and changes frequently and costs of running payroll and in-house legal teams are high. That is why if I ever started a business I would focus on creating a simple and easy to use platform which would enable small and medium size businesses to run their payroll operations, create new hire contracts in few minutes, and even hire external management consultants if they need to.