

MY CAREER PATH

ADRIAN



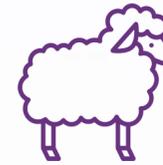
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Adrian is an ICT Specialist in Infrastructure & Ops with the Department of Social Protection.

"The public sector is a huge organisation, with many departments, roles and locations. Working for a government department can give you a sense of pride in your country, and a sense that you are really contributing to something meaningful. From day one, you are also encouraged to put yourself forward for promotional opportunities, further education and training."



My first ever job was when I was 17 - a summer job when I worked in a lamb factory. Here I learnt the importance of working as a team, communication and preparation. I think that work experience is essential for introducing such practical skills and would strongly recommend students to see the value in such opportunities presented to them as part of Transition Year.



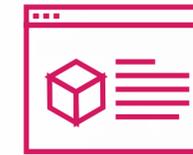
My older brothers passion for computers sparked an interest for me. Together, we would take apart PCs and then build them up from scratch. I played a lot with computers whilst growing up and this gave me a further interest in computer technology.



For my Leaving Certificate, I took Physics, Chemistry, History, Business Studies, French along with English, Irish and Maths.



I then pursued a third level qualification and attained a BSc in Computer Science. Two Leaving Cert subjects which really stood to me during my four- year third level course were Maths and Physics. They provided me with a great foundation for the computer degree course, which involved an advanced level of Maths and Engineering.



After I completed my degree, I began working towards a Post Graduate Diploma in eLearning which I was successful in achieving. Both my Leaving Cert education, and my third level courses gave me the opportunity to enter a career in IT.



I had previously worked in the public sector and found it quite a dynamic work force. Therefore, I was interested in developing my skills in a different area within the public sector.



The purpose of my is role is to perform the duties necessary to support, maintain and develop the SharePoint Infrastructure. SharePoint is a web-based collaboration and document management platform. Though highly flexible, it is primarily used to store documents, and communicate information across organizations.



During the Covid crisis, I gained insight and experience in other areas within the Infrastructure and Operations HQ for the Department. Along with my usual role, I was asked to lead a project with another colleague that related to the build and supply of laptops. I enjoyed working on this project as our work contributed to our department in a time when the demand for laptops was at its peak during a pandemic.



I have learned a lot of technical skills throughout my career. They were achieved through "on the job" training mostly. Learning from managers, work colleagues, working on projects. I also garnered technical skills with time and effort through training, certification and hands-on experience. I have learnt the importance of sticking with a difficult task and taking on a challenge.



Job Specification – Executive Officer ICT



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DEPARTMENT	Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection Learn more here
SALARY	Starting from €30,278 per annum *subject to change
ROLE DESCRIPTION	<p>This role presents an exciting opportunity for anyone interested in a career in ICT in the Civil Service, in Government Departments, Offices and agencies, which include some of the largest ICT organisations in the State! Someone working in ICT will be directly involved in delivering on a range of Government strategies within their appointed organisation. They will also be involved in delivering on the ambitions for Ireland to be a digital leader and enabling digital engagement within the State by citizens, businesses, and public servants.</p> <p>The ICT Specialist is an entry level role which offers you an opportunity to develop a career in ICT in some of the largest organisations in the State. There are three streams in this area which are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stream 1 – Software Development is for anyone with an interest in developing a career in areas such as software and applications development (programming) including web applications and websites, mobile and helping to deliver excellent digital services and user experience. • Stream 2 – Infrastructure and Operations is for anyone with an interest in developing a career in areas such as supporting and managing your organisation’s ICT infrastructure and associated services using a broad set of leading technologies and solutions. • Stream 3 – Networks and Cyber Security is for anyone with an interest in developing a career in areas such as supporting and managing your organisation’s voice, data and video networks infrastructures.
REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A major award qualification at Level 6, or higher, on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) in computing AND • Experience in one of the below relevant areas of ICT associated with the stream you wish to work in. Your relevant ICT experience* can come from a current role, your education (including relevant experience gained on work placement) or other work experience you may have OR • At least one technical qualification in a relevant area of ICT.
APPLICATION PROCESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Register up for job alerts on publicjobs.ie to know when opportunities become available 2. Apply online at Publicjobs.ie before closing date. 3. Completion of an online Assessment Questionnaire. 4. Online and/or paper-based assessment test(s). 5. Presentation/Analysis and interview.

