



## COMBINING INTERESTS AND HOBBIES FOR THE PERFECT JOB

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Ending up in a role that combines your personal interests and your hobbies is something that everyone aspires to. The good news is that achieving this isn't impossible. In fact, there are opportunities to do just that in Guernsey.

Mark Parsons, Business Systems Manager in the Fiduciary Services Department at Deutsche Bank, is proof that this can happen. Born, raised and educated in Guernsey Mark is a local boy who has immersed himself in a career that has enabled him to discover his natural interests, develop his skills and apply them in an international business from his home island.

Having studied Business and Finance at Guernsey's College of Further Education, Mark entered the world of employment working in a trust administration role at a local accountancy firm. After five years in that position, Mark decided to take some time out, and embarked on an extended period of travelling around South East Asia.

"I gained a great deal of experience in my first trust administration role," explained Mark. "But I got the travel bug and decided to see a bit of the world. It was a real eye opener. When I got back to Guernsey a year later, I was set on working for an organisation that had an international remit.

"Deutsche Bank really fit the bill – not only does it have a global reach, but I was also able to apply my trust administration skills. Deutsche Bank's trust administration business is headquartered in Guernsey, so it was a really exciting option."

Having joined Deutsche Bank on a contract basis, Mark was given the opportunity to get involved in the technology side of the Bank's trust administration business – an area that he became increasingly interested in.

"The great thing about working at Deutsche Bank is that there are opportunities for sideways moves – that's how I found my way into IT. It's become a real interest of mine, plus I can draw on my trust administration knowledge at the same time."

As a result of his move into IT, Mark found himself undertaking contract work for Deutsche Bank in Dublin and Amsterdam.

“Having the chance to work in different locations gave me some fantastic experience,” adds Mark. “That’s the benefit of working for a global organisation. I feel that I’ve really found my niche and, now that I’m based back in Guernsey, I’ve recently become a permanent member of staff for Deutsche Bank.”

Now Mark is responsible for making sure that the Bank’s trust administration business is making the best, most efficient use of its systems. That involves analysing new and existing software and working with his colleagues to make sure that all security and access to systems are correct.

Moreover, Mark gets support to develop his knowledge in IT and has the opportunity to take training that focuses on his specific job needs. He’s also planning on doing an intensive project management qualification in the near future.

And, when he has enough time, there’s also the ‘Sports and Social’ committee that Mark is involved with...

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