

CAREER CHANGER: WIDENING THE TECH TALENT POOL



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Reece Mitchell
Cloud Engineer, UBDS

"I didn't really understand what I wanted to pursue in tech, but the vast offering of the bootcamp allowed me to explore different pathways and showed me what I could do in the future. The foundations are there, and my new job is so supportive, I'm grateful for the flexibility."



Reece Mitchell changed his career of over a decade after completing Skills City's Data Analytics Skills Bootcamp in just three months.

As a former head chef of Michelin star restaurants with a 70-hour average working week, Reece, 30, from Manchester,

was looking for a job that would allow him to achieve a better work-life balance and spend more time with his fiancée.

Widening the talent search

Despite having no prior experience in tech, he found the Data Analytics bootcamp incredibly well-taught, providing him with all the resources he needed to succeed.

He continued working as a chef during the day and caught up on his bootcamp studies in the evenings with the help of the supportive Skills City team.

Unlocking hidden potential

Reece enjoyed training with his diverse fellow interns and instructors. With their help, he was able to overcome his anxiety and develop a newfound confidence in his abilities to take his next career steps.

Having never had a formal interview in his life, Reece received hands-on support from the Skills City team to prepare. They helped him secure his first interview with digital transformation business UBDS, which he now works for.

Prioritising capability over qualifications

Reece was amazed at how much he has learnt in such a short time, and with UBDS investing in his further upskilling, he built his confidence. This demonstrates the value of the bootcamp and the potential for his professional growth in the tech industry.

Overall, the opportunity with Skills City was truly life-changing for Reece. It allowed him to transition from a high-pressured career in the culinary world to the tech sector, which offers more work-life balance and endless possibilities for growth and learning.



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