

Creative Director, Multimedia Company – Leslie, Age 18 - 25

Q1: What is your current job/career?

Creative Director

Q2: Why did you choose your job/career? - did you have a plan? - what resources if any did you use?

I wanted to be an athlete until I was 13 when I discovered high school drama and immediately wanted to become an actor. In year 11 a career advisor at my school told me to try a new subject called "Media Studies" here I learned about the behind the scenes stuff and immediately wanted to become a director. I entered an interschool video clip competition through the teacher of this subject and the personnel manager from a multimedia company saw it and offered me a job. I finished school and took the job. I've been there ever since.

Q3: How would you like your job/career to develop and what do you need to do to make the change?

I would like to eventually become a feature film director and don't think I'm too far away. I need to make a few more short films until I improve some particular areas of my skills. I need to find a script that I'm keen to work on. I need to find the funding to make it. I'd say I'm maybe two or three years off the first one.

Q4: When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

An athlete until I discovered drama. I still love sport though and play a couple regularly now.

Q5: What challenges do you need to overcome to "get the life you love"?

Acquiring the discipline needed to coordinate the financial logistics of a big film is a challenge for me. Though I suspect the way around this is to acquire the people with the necessary skills! (I suppose that's a challenge in itself anyway)!