

## Video Editor – Marlene, (Age – under 30)

### **Q1: What is your current job/career?**

Video Editor

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

I developed an interest in film-making through High school, although I fell into it accidentally. When I was selecting electives in Years 11 and 12, two of the subjects I had selected clashed, so I had to quickly select a different elective... I chose art at the last minute and after some deliberation, I ended up deciding to make an animated film for my major work. Armed only with plasticine, a cheap camera and some basic editing software at school, I managed to pull together my film just in time. I ended up really enjoying every aspect of making it and thought that a career involving some of these skills would be worth exploring. I applied for a traineeship in multimedia with an independent documentary production company and showed them the short film I made and as it turned out, they liked it and offered me the job!

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

I'd really like to develop and produce more of my own ideas/productions. All I need now is the time! (And support from my company and funding bodies :)

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

I changed my mind several times but at various stages I wanted to be a writer, a detective, a teacher and a vet. Interestingly there is a large element of story-telling in editing, and I also do some script-writing so I managed to incorporate my interest in writing! Also piecing edits together and trawling through information and footage can sometimes feel like detective work... teaching - educational films? As for the vet interest... I'm yet to work on many projects involving animals apart from having worked on a children's tv show involving dogs in a rock 'n roll band!

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

Basically you've just got to jump in and give it a go! Sometimes you have to start at the bottom and work your way up, but everything contributes to your overall experience - it's all worth it!