



Women in Power

1. What was your first job?

Reservations Agent for Sitmar / P&O passenger cruise ships

2. What inspired you to pursue your chosen career path?

It was purely a financial decision. I had spent nearly 13 years in various positions within various companies in the travel industry and whilst I loved my role as Product Manager the travel benefits that were often used to offset lower salary levels within the industry weren't allowing me to get ahead financially.

3. What steps did you take to facilitate your career progression?

I researched various roles where I could use my organisational & communication skills and that were of an "interesting" nature. I found a good recruitment agency who listened to my requirements and suggested I apply for my initial position with my current employer. I have been here a record (for me) 9 years.

4. What do you enjoy most about going to work?

The people you work with are integral and we have a great team. My day-to-day work is interesting and I am always challenged.

5. What are the 3 most important things in your life and why?

My family – they are my key support network and are always there for me
Learning & exploring – keeps your mind open to new experiences and provides professional and personal development
My job – it gives me a sense of achievement, keeps me challenged and pays the mortgage

6. What advice would you give to other women looking to pursue their careers?

Keep a work - life balance. By all means have professional goals but don't lose sight of your personal ones either.