

Language Ambassadors

Profile



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Occupation/Company: Public Sector Grants Manager, Tate

Field of employment: Museum and Galleries

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Languages spoken (native and learned): English, French, Italian and German

“Learning a language broadens your horizons and opens up new opportunities. Along with the development of technology, globalism is one of the major factors influencing 21st Century life. As well as being hugely enjoyable, learning about other languages and cultures gives you a competitive edge in the employment market.”

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“I have always been interested in other countries and cultures. Learning a language gives you insight and can be hugely empowering. There is nothing that compares to conversing with people in their native tongue, or reading a book in the way that it was originally written.

“The best way to improve your language is to travel and this gives you the opportunity to develop a whole range of skills. The people that I know who have lived and worked abroad are some of the most proactive, curious and interesting that I know.

“Learning a language and spending time in other countries definitely helped me when applying for jobs. Although I don't directly use my languages in my current role, I was able to demonstrate to employers that I was adaptable, well organised and a good communicator.”