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ART FACILITATOR AND TECHNICIAN

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**EDUCATION: BA FINE ART**

**LOCATION: MARSHALLS PARK, HAVERING SIXTH FORM & MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY**

**CURRENT POSITION: TECHNICIAN / WORKSHOP FACILITATOR**

**LOCATION: CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL FOR GIRLS / BLUERSKIES MINDFUL CREATIVES**

**Q Did your creative education help towards your current career?**

A Yes!

**Q Do you feel at an advantage for studying a creative subject?**

A For my role as a Technician working within a Modern, progressive art department, my art background really supports my role, works well with the department teachers in understanding their needs and requirements. It's helpful being able to interpret, visualise, problem solve what they and the students might need.

**Q How did you find out about opportunities in your interested field?**

A Throughout College and University the Technician was and is a valued member of the department. From there I knew it was a possible career choice allowing me the opportunity and time to pursue my own artistic endeavours. The role I am currently in, I happened to chance upon and have been at the same place for over 10yrs now.

**Q Knowing what you know now, what advice would you give to your younger self?**

A For me, I felt quite unprepared when I left University. My knowledge of career options were quite limited at that time in my life. I think this is why I personally wanted to be involved in this project. If I could go back I would tell myself to ask more questions, explore different options that a creative background could work towards.

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**Q All career paths require self determination and hard work, how did you navigate this?**

A It is difficult trying to make it as an 'Artist'. You do have to be able to diversify, and having an art background really does help you to be able to do this. Like any type of career, you get out what you put in.