

## SOPHIE MULCAHEY SOFTWARE ENGINEER

When I graduated with a degree in politics, I had no idea that a year and a half later I would find myself working as a software engineer, hosting meetings, writing code and testing software soon to be used by some of the largest telcos in the world. And yet strangely enough, I've loved every second of it. Learning to code on real world projects, with mentoring from experienced software engineers, has been a challenging but exciting experience. There are endless opportunities to attend conferences and pick up new skills, and my confidence as a member of the team has grown exponentially since I joined.

Metaswitch has a great workplace culture with regular socials within teams, and company-wide morale events that anyone can take part in. I've loved getting to know people across the company at all sorts of events, and I've already acted in a Christmas pantomime for the first time in my life and helped write the annual company quiz. I have really enjoyed the ready-made social scene that Metaswitch provides, making it the perfect place for someone looking to start their career after university. Even with the majority of the company working from home recently, there have been no shortage of socials to get involved with.

Now is a great time to be a part of Metaswitch. The global rise in homeworking has created much increased demand for fast and reliable communication, which in turn has generated many new and exciting projects for us to work on. Our recent acquisition by Microsoft also gives us the financial backing to be much more innovative and future-looking, and everyone is excited to see what the company's future will hold. As a relatively recent starter, the opportunities available to me are expanding, and I'm really looking forward to exploring new horizons.