



# bright future – shining stars

**What are your future plans? Where do you see yourself in five or ten years and when you look back, can you say that you have achieved your dreams? Can you, are you absolutely sure?**

## **Jenny Martin**

I think your dreams change as you go forward. Yes, I can tell you what my dream is. Within five years time, I want to have developed a new antibiotic that gets rid of the problem of antibiotic resistance that is currently around the world so a completely new mechanism of action compared to the antibiotics we have at the moment. Whether we'll get there is, it's research so it may be yes, it may be no but I'm going to try hard to get there. Have I achieved my dreams? Well, I'm travelling a lot, I've got a great group of people, I work in a very vibrant and growing industry and in a university so I have a lot of interactions around the world. I've got a network of colleagues around the world, so I'd say I'm pretty happy, yeah.

## **Melissa Griffith**

In terms of the future, let's address that first, I'd like to have kids some time in the next five to ten years. Even though that's a personal thing, it's very much going to be intertwined with what I do at work and particularly in the next few years, I'd like to get much more involved in some sustainable capability we're developing in our organisation, so looking at what sort of sustainable solutions can we offer clients and there's a lot of, you probably heard the word sustainability used a lot around the place and as engineers, we can do a lot to help the environment and I'm really interested in that particular area and how I might get involved in that more and maybe I'll move out the area I'm in and become more involved in that area as well and I think at this point, I'm really happy with my life, like I feel like I've, where there's been opportunities, I've taken them and that's always sort of my, I guess it's the little quote I live by, is that if there's an opportunity there and it fits in with, you know, the goals I have personally, then I'll go and take it and I won't let fear stop me from putting my hand up for things. I'll just go ahead and do it.

## **Miranda Forwood**

Yeah. I always have trouble with those questions. Five years, I mean I think of five years ago and sort of what I was thinking then, I wouldn't imagine what I'd be doing now so I always have trouble answering the, what I'm going to be doing in the next five years 'cause yeah, I don't know but I mean at the moment, my short-term goals at the moment are, yeah, trying to do some more with people and get maybe some management up and that kind of thing so I can still use my IT skills that I've got, still use the programming as well but then get the people and the leadership roles and that kind of thing going, 'cause I always enjoyed that so that's short-term. Come and ask me again in five years. It's a hard one, but I'm sure I'll still be loving what I'm doing and it's the same thing with the dreams, I mean I think I just always wanted to do something I enjoy. I couldn't imagine just doing something that's just to pay the bills. Personally I wouldn't be able to do that. Some people are okay with that, but I really do like my work and so yeah, I definitely achieved that.



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