



# bright future – shining stars

**Do you have to be a computer programmer to go into ICT design? Like designing projects and coming up with ideas?**

**Miranda Forwood**

No, definitely not. Our, most of the project managers and the creative types really, at my work, have come from all sorts of backgrounds. We've got musicians, we've got graphic designers, industrial designers, interior designers and they come up with the big, crazy ideas and then tell sort of me, the programmers and the research assistants. They're big ideas and then we sort of re-interpret it into something that we can actually make. So absolutely not, but I think it's very useful to have an understanding of what you are sort of trying to make or have that crazy idea so then when you're communicating it to everyone else, you can communicate in their language as well. But no, you definitely wouldn't have to be a programmer, I mean you could be from any background or in IT, you wouldn't have to be a programmer, you could be in networks or databases or whatever if you've got big ideas. If you've got big ideas, I don't think it's restricted to programming.



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