Name: Sam

Job title: Science Engagement Officer (Public and Communities)

What do I do: I work with communities across the UK, sharing and discussing innovative research with the public through various events and activities.

What do I enjoy most about my job? I love talking with new people and sharing the wonders of science. It’s great to be able to be in a position where we aim to make science accessible and have open discussions around science and genomics.

What was my favourite subject at school? I would say Geology. It was something I had never studied before and so was fascinating learning new things. It was very broad, with bits of biology, chemistry and physics; it had a bit of everything.
Skills I use in my job:

**Listening**
Facilitating discussions about genomics and listening to lots different perspectives

**Teamwork**
Working as part of a team to deliver fun and engaging events and activities for our various audiences

**Problem solving**
No day is ever the same and so being able to think of solutions quickly and adapt is always important

**Communication**
Speaking to lots of different audiences about genomics

My top tips for students wanting a career in genomics:
• Don’t worry if you don’t know everything now, just be interested to keep learning
• Try new things and challenge yourself! It might be daunting at first, but you will learn many new skills and find out things you never knew you liked
• Reach out to people in the careers you want to explore, for tips and advice

What hobbies do I have?
I play hockey for my local team, it’s really good fun playing matches every weekend and being a part of a team. I also like gardening but I haven’t quite managed to keep everything alive yet!