



My Digital Career

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I'm travelling around the world at the moment exploring different cities to see urban developments up close. I meet locals, I talk to experts, I see what works, what doesn't work, and I blog about it.

I started my career as an engineer working in water infrastructure and that was pretty digital, using things like CAD and modelling software and engineering programmes. But I became more interested in big questions like:

How can we make cities more sustainable? And, how can we make cities more affordable?

Cities are fascinating because big cities are the future. Billions of people are pouring into them creating these new challenges that no one's ever faced before.

There's experiments all over the world trying to solve these problems, so for the last two years I've gone on this crazy adventure visiting cities from Europe to North America and South America just learning and posting online.

I guess now my career is digital in a whole different way because I'm researching and writing and connecting with people through the internet and that's creating real life work opportunities. Next, I'm going to work with programmers in Berlin and we're using Blockchain technology to try to make housing prices more fair and transparent.

It's a really cool idea.

Class Discussion

Katie wants to make cities more affordable by making house prices more transparent. Can you think of a challenge facing cities in the future?

How could you use technology to fix this problem?

Would this solution improve the sustainability of your city?