



2008-2010

Midway Senior
Financial Analyst

2010-2012

Group Projects
Manager

2012-2014

New Openings Finance
Director

2014-2018

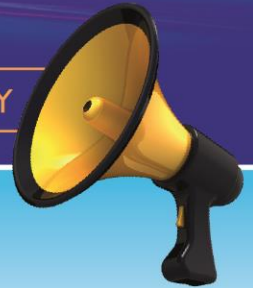
Finance Director at Chessington
World of Adventures

MY Magic JOURNEY

Julie Knight

Finance Director at LEGOLAND Windsor
Resort

CAREERS STORY



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and believe in
your abilities.”

Julie Knight
Finance Director

• **What is the best thing about working at Merlin?**

The People! It is great knowing that we are working for a company that is providing fun to so many people.

• **What has been your best / proudest moment in the business?**

Getting the job at LEGOLAND!

• **What value typifies Merlin to you and why?**

We are innovative and fast moving – in the 10 years I have been at Merlin, Merlin has been constantly evolving and changing; from opening up new attractions, to changing commercial systems to embracing technology for better guest experiences. Nothing stays still for long in Merlin!

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Work your magic.





• **What has been your most challenging moment?**

The impact of the Smiler incident at Alton Towers on the business as a whole and the subsequent cost challenges that have been put on the business.

• **What are the main skills a person needs to have to follow your career path/role?**

Apart from the obvious accountancy qualifications, I think that a person should be adaptable, curious (always try to ask the question that no-one else has thought of) and engaging – it is really important to understand the business and communicate well with the teams around you.

• **What advice would you give to women in our business looking to have a successful career?**

Be confident and believe in your abilities. Always take the opportunities that are presented to you.

• **What was your experience / qualifications before you came to Merlin?**

Prior to Merlin I worked in Private Equity and Corporate Finance roles in London and trained for my professional accountancy qualifications in an accountancy practice in London.



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