

What's the best career advice you have received?

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In our latest article we asked our connections what the best career or business advice they have ever received and received many comments providing a range of great advice!

Rosa Mitchell, Creative Strategy Manager, [Bring Digital](#):

The best career advice I have ever received is to work hard in whatever role you're in, and identify the skills you can use in your dream job role.

For example, I used to work in a call centre before I started in marketing. Although it sounds like I worked hard at the call centre to develop my communication skills, understanding how to speak to people came around to my way of thinking.

Bringing this up in my first interview for a marketing job showed that I understood the importance of continuous learning and looking to improve. It's also helped me no end in my career.

This can be applied to any number of jobs – customer service is a brilliant way to develop your people.

management or sales, working as an office admin can help you with maths and organisation, and ba

Yonas Alemu, [Lovegrass Ethiopia](#):

Never be afraid to change your career path at any age. At 47 years old, I moved from a safe, corpo world of starting my own business. My dream has always been to support the teff farmers I grew up at this age that I feel like I have enough life experience, savings and courage to create a small busin understanding of teff to the UK. You are never too old to follow your dreams!

Danielle Pegg Mowbray, Senior Content Manager, Evolved Search:

The best career advice was from my parents, who told me “Do what makes you happy”. It’s quite r really happy in. Sometimes you have to work whatever job you can get to pay the bills. But if you’r continue to do that in your spare time, then eventually the two bleed into each other. I’ve always b worked behind a bar, as a waitress, data entry...after a while creative aspects started to creep into while, a teaching assistant, a crew member on Byker Grove. I worked on the Great North Run and w because I wanted to, it wasn’t part of the job! Now I write and create content for Evolved Search (v digital company as a senior content manager. My clients are varied and I learn something new every because I kept following what made me happy.

James McDonagh, Director of EMEA, [Nigel Frank International](#):

You only get one chance to make a first impression, and that goes for every single stage of your ca bad cover letter, or turn up at an interview with a shirt that isn’t neatly pressed. You can’t blank th talk down to your team, without any of those things being remembered somewhere along the way. years’ time when you and the people above you have all moved on. Your first interaction will always does in yours. Make it count.

Holly Pither, MD and founder of Tribe PR:

Best piece of business advice I ever received was this; “treat your suppliers well, you never know w

To this day I have done this and it has paid off. People move around the industry quickly and many over time.

Jessica Lang, Marketing Executive, Kaizen:

The best advice that I’ve ever had is from my mum, who I turned to very upset as a 16 year old gir me ‘scary’. I’ve always been strong-minded and ambitious, but growing up these weren’t exactly th they’re ones that girls – and women – often find hard to express without being seen as domineering

Mum told me that it’s better to be ‘scary’ than ‘scared’, and that’s something I’ve tried to uphold t work. Knowing what you want from your job, your boss and your career, and in general having confi define you as a person – or a female!

Caitlin Williams, Quest Resolutions:

One of the best pieces of career advice we’ve encountered is to align yourself with a career that all yes to as many opportunities for experience as you can. Those are the experiences that will be ste

form your confidence and competence in your field.

Lucia Knight, midlifeunstuck.com:

Take your career off auto-pilot as expecting your company to care for your career as much as you. In their 40s or 50s be surprised when their company makes a decision about their future that doesn't

I was a head-hunter for 20 years before I got fed up of squeezing square pegs into spare holes and business and wrote my first book on the patterns Behind successful midlife career change.

Puja K. McClymont, life & business coach:

I was working as a Marketing manager for a luxury global hotel brand and I would constantly have re about any new idea I wanted to implement – even though I had done all the research, due diligence Eventually I was getting fed up of this and especially fed up of constantly being the bad guy and no my General Manager about it and he said, quite calmly and simply “they’re not ready for you.” When that my ideas, my knowledge, my experience and my passion were superior to theirs and they want told me my time would come and I would be recognised by the people who would be ready for me. truthful, that one sentence let me retreat without feeling hard done by and actually showed me how situations. If someone didn't understand a campaign I was proposing, I wouldn't push it, I would do I would just store it away for another time or another company. I now have my own business and I ar collaborate with me!

Best advice I would give: Based on the best advice that I was given, I'd probably share the same. No how amazing you are at your job, there will be people who would prefer you sat in a small low-skilled your organisation and manage them. Collaborate with them on your ideas, let them feel involved – and the recognition straight away. The people who matter, will see your worth, make sure they know you and those people will still be in their boxes. Additionally, I was told in my 20's to always “Be careful meet them on your way down” – I am a firm believer in this and say it to anyone who will listen!

@supermumsociety:

Begin with the end in mind. Not just your work end but your life as a whole. No point following a path be at home with your kids a lot, for example.

Finally some advice from the Loud Room Team:

Go to bed early. Be better. Outwork everyone. Smile. Enjoy Yourself. Understand You. Understand how be better. Get a mentor. Learn Learn Learn. Ask for feedback. Be willing to hear feedback.