My name is Bethan Davies I was born in Wales but I have lived in Orkney for 14 years. I studied Business Management at Orkney College. When I started college I'd been interested in furthering my own business, however, as my studies progressed my ideas for the future changed quite drastically. I realised that business ownership no longer necessarily appealed to me as a primary goal. I became more interested in the type of working environment rather than any particular role.

My education at UHI development core skills which I feel really helped me to prepare for my position. I spend a lot of time gathering and analysing information in my role, so I often drawn on the organisation and time management skills that were developed during my dissertation.

Yes I feel like UHI graduate attributes were developed throughout my course, although it's probably fair to say that some of the more so than others. I think certainly independent thinking, most of my courses were distance learning, being in one of the smaller partner colleges. And problem-solving is a big one that was developed throughout. I think all of the self-management attributes are something that you are really blessed with when you are working in that sort of independent environment.

One that maybe could have been developed a bit more was communication. What I learnt very quickly was that writing for college is very different to writing professionally, especially when you communicate with clients, it’s a very different style of writing.