

## Transcript

### Gold Town interviews - What's it like being a female geologist?

#### Charlie King, Geologist:

My mum's told me that when I was little, I used to have a rock collection, so, I was probably quite interested in geology when I was younger without really realising it.

The reason I chose a geology degree is because when I was at school I really liked doing chemistry and biology and physics, but I found that I was really good at geography and that's where I got all my best grades so I kind of wanted to do something that mixed the two where I was good at but also really enjoyed and geology's kind of a merge of all of those things.

Field skills was the best part of uni, that's where you get really close with all of your friends as well because you're taken to, always somewhere where the geology's really great so the trips were always really interesting, and it's so much easier to learn when you can see what's in front of you, and then someone's explaining it and you can go, "okay well yeah, I can see how that's happened now because I'm looking at it".

Geology's really interesting because you're always having to work out a piece of a puzzle and trying to fit it together so you've always got lots of new ideas and whenever somebody else says something you can think, "that's really interesting maybe that could help me sort of, change my mind about what's happening" and pretty much every time you see a new rock or they blast a new face in the mine, that's the first time anyone's ever seen that so, you're always the first person to go like, "oh okay, what is this, what's happening".

I think university gave me a good base for what I do now. I think a lot of the learning that you do actually is applicable, especially in sort of your first year when you're getting your basic skills you have to keep thinking about that the whole time, it gives you a really good base for building upon it for the future and then you just sort of become more specialised in what you do.

Technology's advancing all the time so we can use different techniques and surveying methods and all that kind of thing, so I think maybe more of a sort of technical and computer role's becoming more important. Looking at the bigger picture as well rather than just sort of one person going and looking at something, although that's still really important.

Being a woman seems unusual because people a lot of the time they've, they sort of assume it's kind of a male job but we're at the point where the intake for university is a lot more women and girls do wanna do geology so it's, it's becoming a lot more normal so people are just getting used to it.

People take you seriously if they know you're good at your job.

Being a geologist it's sort of sometimes it sounds really cool, people say like "oh you work for a goldmine" but the reality is like, I'm wading through a bog or, I'm just like covered in dirt but, I dunno it's quite fun.