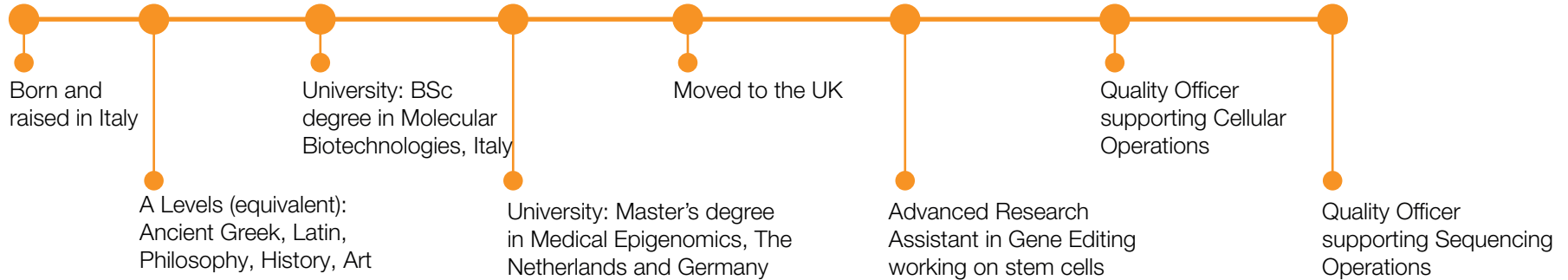


Name:
Ellie

Job title:
Quality Officer

What do I do:
As a Quality Officer I make sure that research done by the scientists is correct, reproducible, and can be distributed to the world. I create systems and processes to help scientists do their jobs well!

My career highlights



What do I enjoy most about my job?

The interactions with the scientists that I support. We have chats, training, meetings, and all of these leave me fulfilled and grateful for my job!

What parts of my job are challenging?

I studied for 8 years to be a scientist, and I was confident in my work. When I moved to Quality, I had no previous knowledge, just a keen interest and the right attitude. I had a hard time understanding and applying the basics, and sometimes I rely on instinct more than I should.

Skills I use in my job :



Creativity

We are pioneers in introducing a Quality Management System in a research institute, so every day we have to create new strategies and tools!



Teamwork

There are 8 of us in the team, and we support more than 300 people between us, so coordination and trust are essential.



Communication

I design tools for more than 100 people to work with – we need to have good communication to make things work!



Problem solving

One key part of my job is Issue Management, so I always have to figure out solutions to different problems.

My top tips for students wanting a career in genomics:

- Find your passion and follow it.
- Don't be afraid of change.
- Find a good work-life balance.

What's next in my career?

I don't know, and that's the beauty of it! I am currently passionate about what I do, but tomorrow another idea may come. A career in science doesn't need to have a fixed path!

