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Why I chose to do the programme:



- ⊙ Opportunity to work in the private sector (work experience prior to *theIDLgroup* had all been in the NGO/multilateral/public sector).
- ⊙ Great opportunity to get exposure to a range of clients – DFID, WB, EC, INGOS etc. and a range of sectors (Social Development, Rural Growth, Fragile States etc..)
- ⊙ I liked the fact it was a 6 month programme – I had only just finished my masters and it gave me the opportunity to ‘try consultancy’, figure out where my interests and skills really were but not be committed long-term.

What I have gained from working with *theIDLgroup*:

- ⊙ Exposure to a range of clients.
- ⊙ Business skills – how to put consortiums together, improved networking skills etc.
- ⊙ Experience of writing EOIs and proposals
- ⊙ An understanding of how consultancy works
- ⊙ Opportunities to work with senior consultants and understand how they got to where they are today.
- ⊙ A better understanding of where my interests lie and what skills I have to offer
- ⊙ A near secondment into DFID, an organisation I would love to work for at some stage
- ⊙ M&E technical skills through working with Renee Kantelberg
- ⊙ Production of a policy brief for the website and World Vision with Claire Ireland

The opportunity I am going on to do....

- ⊙ Senior Policy Officer in the Department of National Planning and Monitoring, Papua New Guinea (ODI fellowship 2009-2011).