

# In her own words: Camilla Osmiani

In celebration of #IWD2023, we check in with some incredible women at the NCC who share candid insights into their respective roles; what drives them to login in the morning; and the advice they would give their 16-year-old selves.

## Meet Camilla Osmiani, Advanced Research Engineer in Concept Engineering

### Joining the NCC

I got to know the NCC through my research project and people along the academic journey during a PhD at the Bristol Composites Institute (then Advanced Composites Centre for Innovation & Science).

After the PhD, I looked for a job that would allow me to exploit and build upon my composites knowledge, and keep links with the research environment. NCC seemed like the perfect fit.

The first seed to my career path was planted by my Mathematics teacher in primary school, Federica Costa. I still remember how I looked forward to Maths homework, which was unusual.

I've always enjoyed scientific subjects the most, but I did not plan to become an engineer. I picked this subject at university because I wanted to progress in a scientific field, but I was a bit scared by Pure Maths and Physics. It is thanks to my professors and university colleagues that I never looked back. Now, I like having the instruments to understand how things we take for granted actually work and come to life - the buildings we live in, the cars and airplanes we travel in, and so much more. And I contribute to making them better.

### What motivates my login

- We often get to work and develop products at the forefront of technology. It gives you the opportunity to get involved in a variety of different projects, each with their own, often new challenges, and collaborate with a wide range of industries, so that it is almost impossible to get bored.
- The flexibility provided by hybrid working as well as the working abroad scheme. I find the latter particularly positive for those, like myself, whose families live outside the UK.



### Advice to my 16-year-old self



**You are allowed breaks along the journey.**



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