

Alex Waddington:

My perceptions of the treasury before I joined was...

Ellie Guildford:

I think I thought you needed to be very good at maths.

Laura Webster:

I thought the treasury was super, super clever, possibly too clever for someone like me.

Alex Waddington:

An office full of middle class men in grey suits or blue suits.

Ellie Guildford:

That turned out not to be true at all.

Laura Webster:

My biggest surprise when I joined the treasury was how warm and friendly and welcoming everybody was.

Alex Waddington:

Incredibly hardworking, incredibly welcoming.

Promit Anwar:

There's great diversity in the life stories that people have in their route to the treasury. Even as an assistant economist, or a graduate who's just started their role, very quickly, they might be given real responsibility.

Ellie Guildford:

I'm able to utilize my legal and analytical knowledge to apply it to specific problems.

Laura Webster:

Developing the policy behind the new health and social care levy.

JP Spencer:

Working on full spending reviews. The spending review is the process by which ministers decide how they want to divvy up the public finances.

Promit Anwar:

Pulling together some slides or some analysis for the chancellor or the PM. There's always some sort of social or public motivation to the kind of work that you're doing.

JP Spencer:

I think one of the biggest things that the treasury will gain from having an office in Darlington is being able to tap into all of the different talent in the North of England.

Laura Webster:

I'm really hoping we will bring people in who are maybe changing career mid-career, as well as fresh talent and new graduates and people leaving school.

JP Spencer:

People from across the North of England can come and work with the treasury, and the treasury can engage more with some of the policy issues facing the North of England.

Alex Waddington:

And will boost the profile of the region, and help us make better policy and government by understanding, better, the people that we're making policy for.

Ellie Guildford:

The Darlington Economic Campus has a really great opportunity to start a new culture.

Promit Anwar:

To be part of something that's really special, something that's new.

Ellie Guildford:

I'd say it's a great time to go for it, there are lots of roles available in Darlington.

Laura Webster:

Don't limit yourself. Don't do what I did and think that you're not clever enough or smart enough for the treasury.

Alex Waddington:

Reach out to people, existing staff in the treasury, to ask what the opportunities are and how they can apply.

JP Spencer:

It's a fantastic place to work and I've enjoyed working here for the past five, six years.

Laura Webster:

You can have a vibrant, diverse, long, fulfilling, rewarding career without ever having to move south. And if we can achieve that, I think we will have achieved something really, really special.