



## Emily's Story

Emily's story began when she arrived in Birmingham in September 2011 to undertake a degree in German and European Politics from the University of Birmingham, having always had a passion for languages. Emily was born and raised in the countryside of the New Forest, so at 18 she decided she wanted to move to the city and was instantly drawn to Birmingham as it offered both a campus university and vibrant metropolitan lifestyle.

After two years living and studying in the city, Emily moved to Germany for nine months for her Year Abroad, an integral part of her degree. Through the British Council she worked in a secondary school as an English Language Assistant whilst spending her weekends travelling, soaking up the culture European cities had to offer.

After returning from Germany and approaching her final year, Emily knew that experience was the key to securing a role immediately post education. As she had always had an interest in HR and Recruitment, and already knew that she wanted to stay in Birmingham, she decided to look for an internship and found SimkissGuy.

During her internship, Emily provided a full range of support across the core business activities and helped to build and maintain relationships with candidates and clients. She has also helped orchestrate the company's various networking events. After her experiences with the company Emily realised her passion did lie in recruitment and this was the industry in which she wanted to forge her career.

Since joining the team in September 2014, Emily took on an active role in BPS Birmingham Aspire and Future, spending a year as the Chair of the Advance Committee, and was shortlisted as a finalist for the 'Aspiring Talent' category of the annual Birmingham Young Professional of the Year Awards.

Emily joined the SimkissGuy team full-time on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015.