

WiT23- Women in Tech Conference Manchester

I was very lucky to be able to attend the WiT23 Women in Tech Conference event on the 23rd May at the Brooklyn Hotel Manchester.

I am an aspiring Graduate/ Junior Web Developer, currently doing work experience with Edge Hill University while applying to jobs for my first job as a Web Developer.

I didn't know exactly what to expect initially, but what I found when I first arrived at the event was friendly face and smiles. Which made the day less daunting to begin with.

I attended the event with my two fellow colleagues from Edge Hill, Janeth and Elaine. We were greeted at the door with some complimentary gifts and a pass to the event.



A refreshments table with pastries was set out to enjoy while everyone arrived and introduced themselves with the other guests before going into the conference room.

After the host had begun the event, there was a quick little icebreaker to start things off which was a bit of fun. Then it kicked off with the speakers. The speakers gave us an insight into how they had initially got into the Tech industry and the journey of how they had got to where they were in their careers, e.g. Directors. These were very motivational and inspiring women and I feel very appreciative to be able to have heard their stories and meet such encouraging women.

Through the day we had a refreshment breaks and a delicious lunch provided for us.

There were also a few stalls with some for the companies sponsoring the event, such as, ROC and Burman. Who also gave out complimentary gifts as well.



My top takeaways from attending the event:

- 1). Not everyone in the Tech industry started their working life wanting or thinking about going to Tech, and that's ok.
- 2). You don't have to of started your Tech career with a degree in Computer Science to be able to get far in the industry. As long as you have the drive and work hard.

- *Anna-Lucy Maddocks, Edge Hill University*