

Thirty five years an accountant

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I began my training to become a chartered accountant with Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co (now KPMG) 35 years ago today. I suspect there are a few who would rather I hadn't but I don't regret it.

As I said to a young graduate who sought careers advice from me this summer on how she might get into economic justice campaigning, become a chartered accountant first. PhDs and other qualifications might be all very useful, but grounded experience and having some real world exposure to what you want to talk about doesn't half help.