



MEL'S STORY



Name: Mel

Current Role & Function: **Group Financial**

Controller / Regional Finance Director

Location: **Basingstoke**, **UK**

I have been very fortunate in the opportunities that have come my way, although there has also been a lot of hard work. I have always been inquisitive, asking questions and really trying to understand the business that I'm working in whilst being in finance which is a supporting function (my current boss referred to finance as being the golf caddy!). If I can understand the key drivers and commercial impacts then I feel I can ask the right questions to challenge and get the balance of supporting sales whilst maintaining a control environment and protecting profits.

The first three years in the National Health Service taught me that people care about providing a service, my second job, four years at Hovis (Premier Foods), taught me that you need to control costs and work across departments for this to be effective. My current time at GGS is building on this, by providing services in a cost efficient manner.

My career to date has developed by building relationships across the organisation, listening to the needs of every function. GGS has helped me with coaching and courses to develop my line manager skills; we have had consultants in helping to teach regions how to use a common business language and tools for how to resolve issues. I have had the opportunity to travel to some exciting new places and learn about different cultures and economies that you bring back into your every-day life.

GGS has invested in my development through 360 assessments so that I can continually learn and grow and not become complacent.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Collaboration between departments
- Great Glory Bake Off winner

CAREER HISTORY WITHIN GLORY GLOBAL SOLUTIONS

Finance Analyst Finance Manager Regional Finance Director

2010 2012 2013 2014 Present

