

## Real people, real pathways (30 minutes)

In this activity, you'll explore professional profiles and reflect on the person's traits and accomplishments, and how those traits map to their current career. This activity is designed to help you unpack your preconceived notions about what a career path *should* look like, and start thinking about your own career journey.

1. Choose one profile from the provided professional profiles and spend a few minutes reviewing.

Remember, you don't necessarily need to choose a person working in a field you aspire to now—there's interesting information and inspiration to be gained everywhere! Consider the following informational interview questions as you're looking at the profile:

- Tell us about your person. What's their current work role?
- What was the path they took to their current role?
- What do they like most about their job?
- What is the most challenging aspect of their role?
- If you were interested in a job like this one, what qualifications and experience would you need?

2. Get with your small group and share what you learned with your groupmates, using the questions above to guide you. Consider the following questions and jot down notes:

- What did you find most interesting or surprising?
- How has this changed the way you think about career pathways, in general?
- How has this changed the way you think about your future career, in particular?