

# Accountancy & Finance Careers

## *Gareth Bunting*



### **What does an Allstate Banking & Balancing Financial Analyst do?**

My tasks include running matching positions for the companies trading positions versus the bank positions and investigating any differences known as exemptions, once investigation is complete assigning them to the relative team for clearance. Also monitoring the Month End SAP balances and providing comfort over these, and to reconcile Original face, Current face, Market value & accrued interest between the companies trading platform and our data warehouse records. To do this I produce daily, weekly and monthly reports to users and management.

### **Where do you work?**

Custody Management team currently the only member of the team based in Belfast reporting to the Investments Operations team located in Chicago

### **What interests you most at work?**

Learning – the investment Operations & Finance team has a wide and diverse range of roles, which means that these skills can be transferred across roles to continue to grow and improve each role. Also the team are open and honest which helps in the knowledge sharing and the environment for continued improvement

### **To you, how does the ‘Opportunity of a lifetime’ apply to working at Allstate?**

Allstate have given me the opportunity to develop as a person it is a diverse organization that encourages people to use the skills that they have to improve the roles that they are in. Also with travel to Home office will give people the chance to learn to work closely with given teams allowing them to become aware of cultural diversity across borders.

### **What’s one thing people would be surprised to learn about you?**

Given my age that I play Lawn bowls in my spare time

### **What’s the best piece of advice you’ve received?**

Happiness can be found in the darkest of times, if only one remembers to turn on the light.

### **If you could meet anyone from history, who would it be and why?**

Julius Caesar – As a keen follower of Ancient History I would like to spend time with a man that shaped history and helped build one of the greatest empires in History.

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