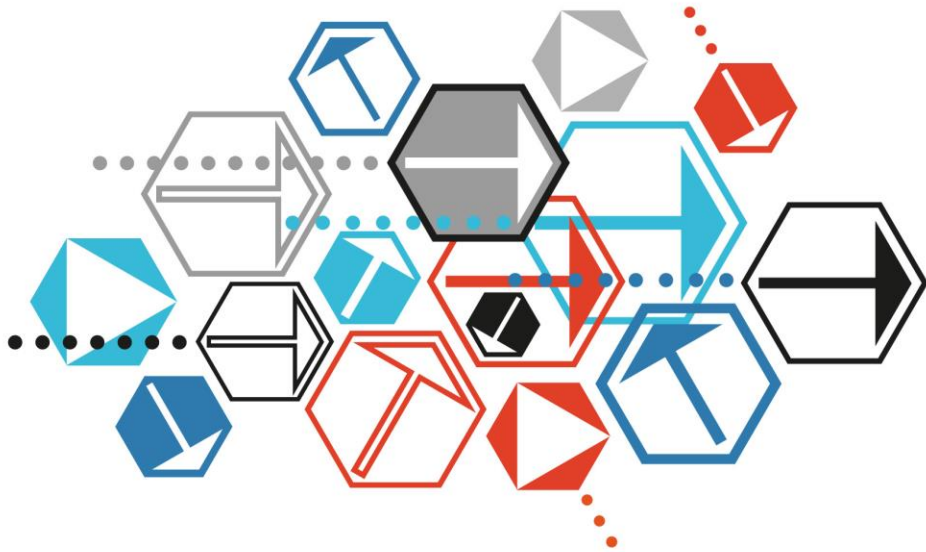


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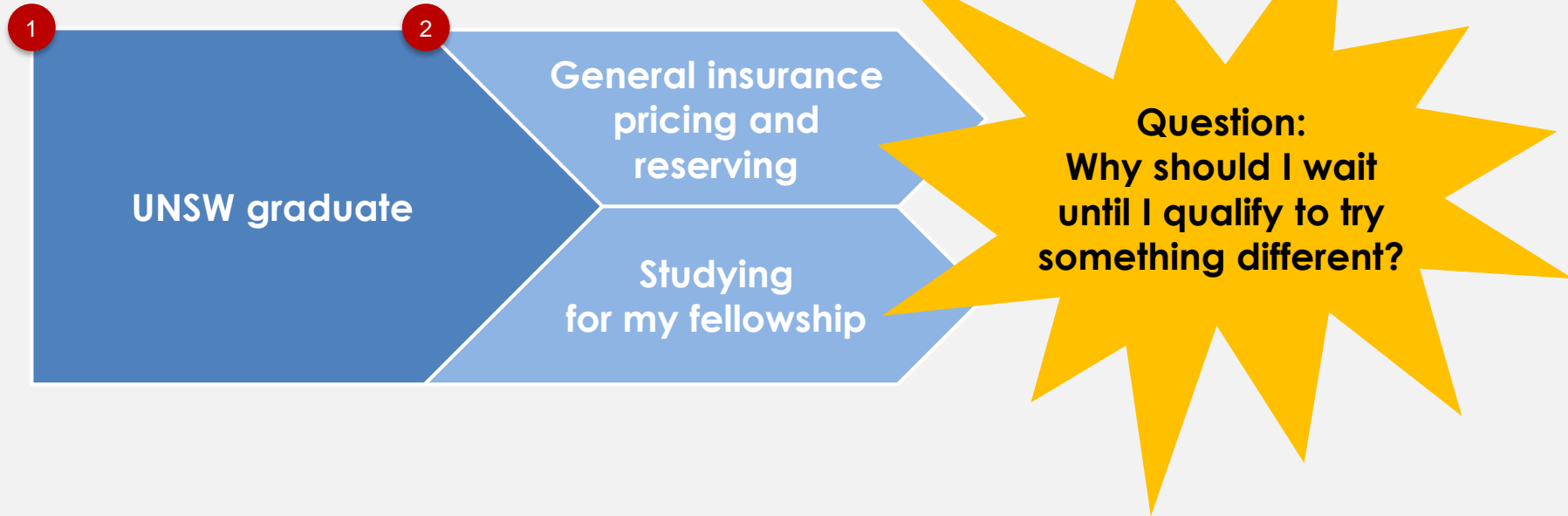
Taking calculated risks, exposure to different thinking and harnessing curiosity!

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The early days of my actuarial journey...



1. Taking Calculated Risks – early in my career



Eg. One of my favourite hobbies – taking calculated risks – indoor rock climbing

NERVOUS

PARALYSING FEAR



Taking a risk

💡 Institute Volunteer – Actuaries magazine

💡 Co-writing a paper for a general insurance conference

💡 Applying for the Strategic Assistant role to work directly for the CEO

Safety factors

✓ Group of editors, advice and support

✓ Co-writer had previous experience

✓ Within the same company so not starting from scratch

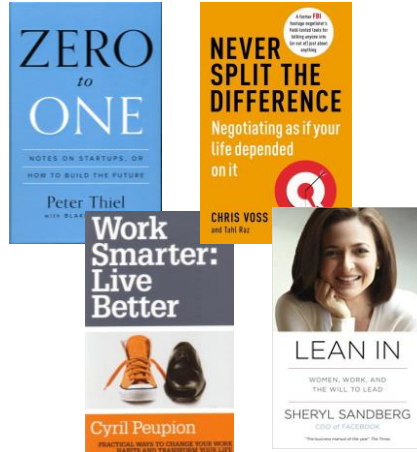
2. Exposure to Diversity of Thought

My Network	Probability they are an Actuary	
	5 years ago	Now
FAMILY / FRIENDS	Low	Low / "What's an Actuary?"
HOBBIES		
UNI ALUMNI	High	Medium
(Ex-)COLLEAGUES		
MENTORS		

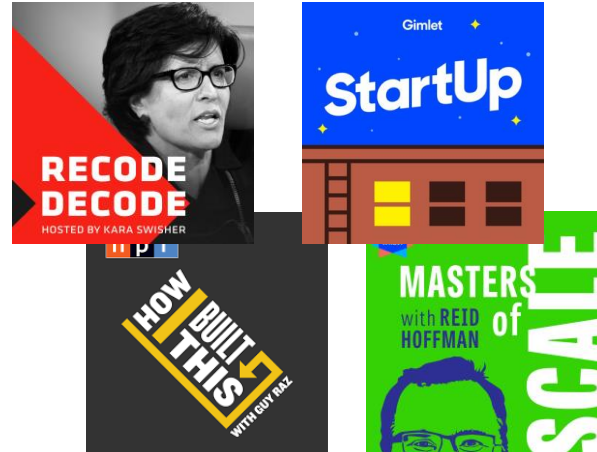
My network has been the most powerful enabler of unique opportunities

3. Harnessing Curiosity – How I enjoy learning now...

BOOKS



PODCASTS

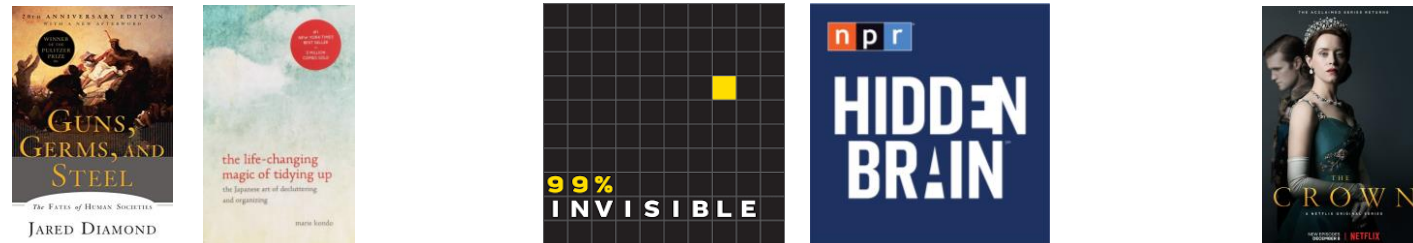


DOCUMENTARIES



WORK / TRENDS

INTERESTING!



Everyone is different – how it could translate for you

1

Take calculated risks

- Analyse a new line of business
- Take on a new project / role
- Volunteer
- Present at a lunch and learn

2

Expose yourself to different thinking

- A new hobby
- Meet-ups
- Mentors

3

Harness your curiosity!

- Books
- Blogs
- Podcasts
- Articles
- MOOCs
- Netflix!