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I'm Clare Hadley. I work for Ordnance Survey, Britain's national mapping agency, and my role there is to look at policy and external engagement, and I'm a final assessor for chartered geographer.

Speaking personally, I applied for Cgeog when it first became available because up to that point, I didn't feel there was any professional home for me. I have a geography degree and I have worked in geographic information most of my career. It just seemed the obvious place to put my professional interest.

Since then the network or the body of professional geographers has grown considerably, and it offers a very good place for anyone working in geography or geographical information – my field – to join. It's a professional home: it offers CPD, it offers networking opportunities. Particularly if you're early in your career, there's a pool of people who can help you with mentoring, contacts...whatever it is, it's the place to go if you're going to be a professional geographer"