

Sahani Witharana joins Bankbrokers as our Merchant Services and Payments Analyst





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Sahani Dilmini Witharana is an MSc Data Science graduate with expertise in evaluating business and organisational procedures and recommending new technological changes. She is a data-driven business analyst with a track record of utilising her research skills to grow a firm by expanding its consumer base and making a significant impact on her previous project teams. She enjoys challenges and embraces them as opportunities in her life to become stronger.

Sahani has been fascinated with mathematics and computer science since an early age. In 2007, 2008, and 2009, she achieved National Merit Awards in the “Young Computer Scientist-Sri Lanka” competition and advanced to the finals of “IT Master Mind National Quiz Competition” in 2013. After completing a BSc in information Technology from Rajarata at the University of Sri Lanka, she began her career as a qualified Pearson Edexcel GCSE Information and Communication Technology teacher. She was able to use her leadership, creativity, and communication skills to help many students realise their aspirations across the country.

She joined Bee Factory Private Limited in 2020 as a Business Data Analyst in order to put her analytical and problem-solving capabilities to action because she believes that *“it is a beautiful thing when a career and passion come together”*. Sahani contributed to the development of operational strategies and future initiative strategies of the company in many ways. She was in charge of acquiring, transforming, analyzing and interpreting trends from huge amounts of data while producing insightful dashboards with Microsoft Power BI to meet corporate information requirements. Additionally, engaging in some of the most difficult efforts to increase sales during the pandemic, she collaborated with the development team to create a virtual platform that enabled its consumers to understand and use the company’s products before purchasing.

Sahani was motivated to study data science because she wanted to learn more about machine learning, big data engineering, etc. She was accepted for an MSc in Data Science at the University of South Wales and migrated to the UK in 2021 with her family. She successfully completed the industry research project, “Using Natural Language Processing to review Social Prescribing Literature,” collaborated with Wales School for Social Prescribing Research Network (WSSPR) with a distinction. She deployed an optimised web model, including statistical approaches for keyword extraction, extractive approaches for text summarisation and keyword frequency analysis techniques using Python and

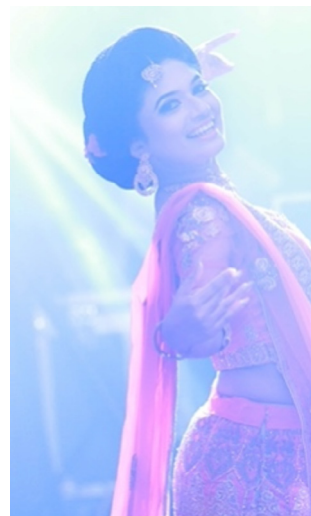


Streamlit to automate the current attempt of developing an evidence-based glossary of social prescribing terms in Wales. While pursuing her master's, she worked as a Data Processing Executive at Medi2Data and was responsible for processing and delivering GDPR-compliant medical reports accurately against the deadline to the clinicians via the Electronic Medical Records (EMR) platform.

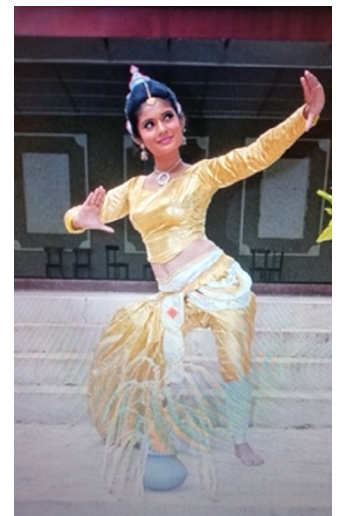
Outside of work, Sahani is getting to grips with a new culture and climate after having relocated to the UK with her husband, Menuke, and three-year-old son, Kithaan. Moreover, she enjoys travelling to places that have amazing scenery and getting the chance to see and experience new things. She feels inspired to try new ways to cook foods the family will love or have at home. She has embraced dancing as a talent and a hobby. She was a standout performer in school and on the university stage.



Sahani and family



Sahani performing her talents



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