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## Can young people thrive in a remote world?

The pandemic quashed the experience of learning in a traditional office. Can younger workers grow in the same way while working at their kitchen tables?

Four months after offices across the US went dark, 22-year-old Nicole Jao started her first job working as a cybersecurity risk consultant. She hadn't expected to launch her career remotely from her apartment in West Los Angeles.

With little more than the constant ping of notifications vying for her attention throughout the day, Jao says she yearns for "that camaraderie of hanging out with your co-workers" and "spending time with them at happy hours afterwards... it's kind of hard to engineer that [social atmosphere] by yourself". Plus, learning the ropes of a new job in a remote environment means Jao has to advocate for herself in more overt ways than she'd like. "I'm more of an observant employee," she says. She prefers to be discreet, rather than "being like, 'S.O.S. I need help' constantly".

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Without these foundations, Jao has had to adapt. She's learned new ways to absorb information and cues vital to her job, saying, "When you're remote, you need to be very vocal about the assistance you need and the help you're looking for. As a new grad and new hire, it definitely affects the way I can learn".

Across the country in Ann Arbor, in the US state of Michigan, 22-year-old Katie Dillon, a recent graduate and software engineer at the mobile-ticketing platform SeatGeek, says her working life is markedly different from the one she envisioned as a student.

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