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'Chatting Up Millionaires Is My Full-Time Job'

Rachel MaLynn, 28, from Belfast, is a headhunter with matchmaking agency Seventy Thirty

My clients are high-flying men and women who want to meet 'the one' but haven't got time for dates. My job is to find them the perfect match. We only accept members with a minimum net worth of £1 million. Clients aren't looking for someone wealthy, just attractive, intelligent and interesting.

I was working for a recruitment company when I heard about this job through a contact. I'm a great believer in true love, and I liked the idea I could help people find it. I approached Seventy Thirty and they hired me on a freelance basis, before going permanent.

I find potential dates by going to private parties and events all over the world. I've built up good contacts, and now get hundreds of invites. When I see someone suitable, I'll chat to them to see if they're single – and friendly. If we hit it off, I invite them for interview.

We turn away anyone motivated by money, rather than finding their soulmate. We've had several weddings and it's great knowing I've helped create that match. I've got a psychology degree and of all the things I could have done with it, this is by far the most fun.'

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Heather Heber Percy, of the Association of British Introduction Agencies, has the following tips:

- 1** It helps to have a psychology qualification. Ask your local college for details of courses.
- 2** Before applying to a dating agency, visit their website as if you're a prospective client. Salaries range from £15-100k.
- 3** Visit abia.org.uk for info on approaching agencies about work experience, so you can find out if it's the right career for you.