

1) Name, Job Title and quick summary of role:

Jeanette Bain-Burnett, Assistant Director, Communities and Social Policy/VRU Communities Lead

For 3 days a week I look after 30 officers who lead on developing programmes and policies to make London fairer and more inclusive on behalf of the Mayor of London. I spend the rest of my week supporting the VRU's commitment to keep communities at the heart of all its work. This has involved organising community meetings, recruiting a community engagement team and collaborating with voluntary and community organisations to shape the VRU's work.

2) What is your background and what brought you to City Hall?

My first love is the arts and culture. I spent my early career as a producer, manager and cultural activist with a specialism in dance. I worked primarily with African and Caribbean communities which gave me a good grounding in diversity and inclusion, which ultimately brought me to City Hall to run a short-term project with joint cultural and social aims. My social policy work grew from there.

3) How does your work impact Londoners?

My work is about making sure Londoners have a real say in the decisions that affect them most and that every Londoner has an equal chance to get ahead in the city. I believe that London's communities hold the best ideas and solutions to improve the capital and I work every day to make sure their voices are heard.

4) What keeps you here?

No two days are the same at City Hall. I thrive on the variety and the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of so many different groups of people.

5) Why should people come and work at City Hall?

If you want to make a difference to London's communities and you're a 'big picture' thinker, City Hall is a great place to be.