

Communications and Engagement Mentoring Scheme

Mentor profile

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Experience and qualifications or training in mentoring	<p>No qualifications or training.</p> <p>I have been a London Councils communications mentor since 2021 and am currently a 'mentor for inclusion' at Islington.</p>
What interests or excites you about being a mentor?	<p>I think it is a responsibility of those in leadership positions to provide support to those at earlier stages of their career, and a safe space for discussions about career development. I also enjoy mentoring because it is a two-way process and challenges my own preconceptions and biases by listening to different perspectives and ideas.</p>
Areas of expertise that you can support colleagues with as a mentor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic communications • Career development (especially for aspiring heads of communications) • Leadership in the workplace when you are from a disadvantaged background
Anything else you would like potential mentees to know	