

My name's Romaie and my patch was the local borough of Hackney, around Hackney and Islington.

I've always heard about it. I didn't think I would get involved but then I sat down and thought, something different to do, something different from what I normally do every day and it was sort of like information which I quite enjoyed.

I saw an advert in the local paper and I applied and went through that way. I was invited to a day meeting with the census group and then a one-to-one interview.

So when I got the job, I was teamed up with a couple of other people so I got to know my team. I was working part-time in my previous job so it was quite easy to do, it was very flexible and my job that I was working was between nine and 12. I found that I worked out the times of when people are mostly in so my time's usually between three and five and then I would go back again about seven.

The team that I worked in, there was four of us and out of the four, we've all still became friends so we're still friends today. We meet up socially.

The advice I'd give you is to be very open-minded, be very, very flexible 'cause the job was very flexible. Just enjoy it, I really enjoyed it. I loved, again, meeting new people, different people around the world, it was just really, really nice to do and I'd definitely recommend it to anyone to, for the first time, at least to once, do it, brilliant.