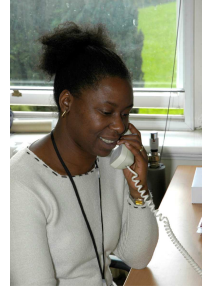




Name: Shirley Allen-Jackson

Job title: Equality Outreach Specialist

Employer: Peak District National Park Authority <http://www.peakdistrict.org/>



Starting your career

What attracted you to a career working in Sheffield's environment?

Being surrounded by the picturesque landscape everyday and encouraging others to see the varied and interesting opportunities available.

How did you find out about the career opportunities that were available?

Reading information received and visiting websites

How did you get your career started?

I applied for a part-time, temporary post that gave me an insight into other opportunities available.

Your career path

How long have you been working in the industry?

Since November 2005

What jobs have you done and how did you progress?

Primarily in adult community education for 20+ years of my working life, in administration, teaching, co-ordinating and managing. This role is an extension of my previous work.

Training and skills

What qualifications did you achieve before entering your career?

BA Hons Women's Studies
CertEd Post 16 Education

Your working day

What is a typical day for you?

Responding to emails; planning for meetings; arranging meetings; liaising with agencies, organisations and groups in Sheffield and beyond. Making links and contacts with our partner organisations across the region and nationally.



What takes up most of your time?

Communicating with people

What is the best bit about your job?

Trying to find workable solutions to issues that benefit all concerned.

The future

What are your aspirations for your career?

To work strategically to ensure access for all, to encourage people to broaden their horizons when looking for work, personal development and career progression.

If you had to “sell” a career in Sheffield’s environment in one sentence, what would you say?

Every day the beautiful landscapes of this country just take your breath away – you can help keep it this way