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Part of Parliament celebrates the work of staff from the House of Commons, the House of Lords and the Parliamentary Digital Service.

This brochure showcases just a selection of the many individual roles that contribute to Parliament's daily working life, where every member of staff supports its complex working processes.

Their stories give voice to a sense of shared purpose – wherever they are and whatever role they perform, they are all working towards the delivery of a thriving parliamentary democracy.

Ian **Chapman**

Senior Doorkeeper
House of Commons

“I take a great sense of pride in working where history is made. My role means that I get to watch many debates and discussions which shape the workings of this country. Being on the front line facilitating the main workings of Parliament and ensuring everything runs smoothly in the running and security of the main Chamber, Committees and Galleries makes me feel part of Parliament.”





Memis **Ayinla**

Graduate Trainee
Chamber & Committees

“As a Clerk of Public Petitions, I draft petitions for MPs and the public and ensure they are procedurally in order and fit to be presented in the Chamber. Having the opportunity to work alongside some of the brightest minds, and constantly being stimulated mentally is what I enjoy most about working at Parliament. I feel part of Parliament because I get to work with a range of teams and individuals across the Estate to solve issues in a creative and effective manner.”

Fohan **van den Broek**

Lead HR Business Partner
Corporate Services

“I love the diversity of people I come into contact with on a daily basis and the variety of opportunity working at Parliament offers; no day is the same. I’ve worked here for over 17 years and during this time have seen a lot of change. I feel part of Parliament when I hear that advice I have provided, however insignificant it may have seemed at the time, has helped the way we do things for the better, ultimately improving the service we provide.”





David **Barreto**

Kitchen Porter
House of Lords

“I have the privilege of working in a really close team. I love coming to work in the morning and being greeted with a smile. We communicate freely and easily. Everyone is well mannered, respectful and trusting. I finish each and every work day happy and with a smile on my face. I know my role is important and this makes me feel very much a part of Parliament.”

Kay **West**

Corporate Events Manager
Catering Services

“I love how unique the Palace of Westminster is. The building has such a global presence and history is still being made here every day. I feel very honoured to work in such an iconic place. My role is to create a successful event for clients whilst considering the complexities of holding an event on the Parliamentary Estate. I feel part of Parliament knowing I am helping to generate revenue to keep Parliament running.”



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Ian Chapman
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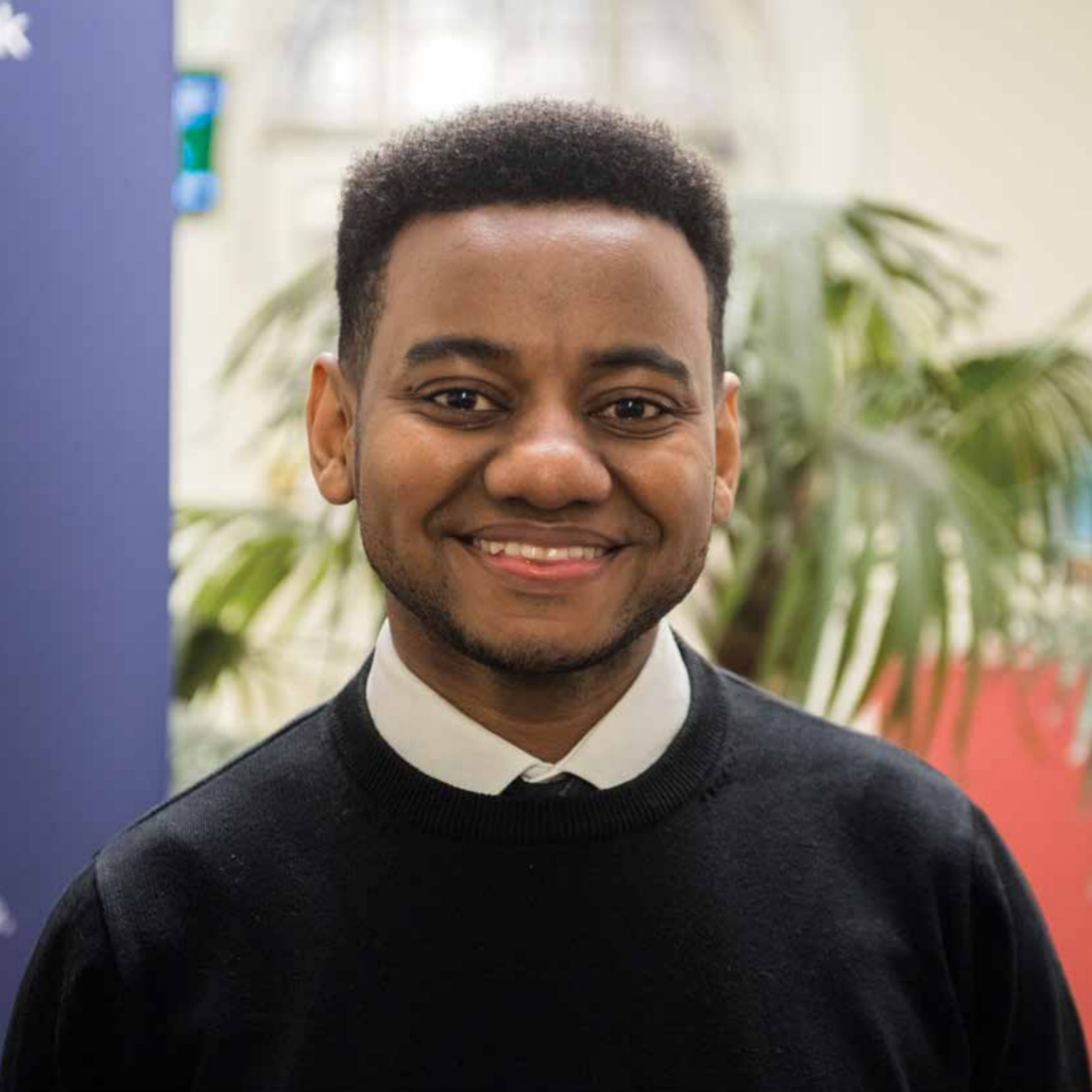
“Working here makes one feel part of the fabric, which is pretty amazing. Having worked for the House of Lords for over 35 years, it has been inspiring to play a part in a range of developments, from the first ever Parliament website, to working to modernise our staff recruitment practices and expanding our Committee system. House of Lords Committees perform vital scrutiny work on behalf of the whole country, and it is a great privilege to lead the wonderful staff team which supports this.”

Andy **Minnis**

Safety Adviser
Parliamentary Safety Team

“I enjoy the diversity of the work in the Parliamentary Safety Team and the range of teams we support; from workshops, to kitchens, shops, libraries and offices across the Estate. As a bicameral team with a broad remit, we provide assurance to senior management that safety is being effectively managed across Parliament. I feel part of Parliament because I work with local offices and teams to improve their safety management arrangements and ultimately, reduce the potential for accidents and incidents for all staff.”





Salim **Ali**

User Engagement Lead
Parliamentary Digital Service

“Parliament is at the core of our national life so I feel very privileged to work here. I really enjoy the range of people I meet here. There’s so much to learn, so much to explore and so much diversity. I feel part of Parliament because I bring the strategies of both Houses to life. I work with staff and Members of both Houses to prepare them for changes that come with the implementation of new technology, and to support them in making the most of new digital tools.”

Alicia **Ford**

Clerk, Lords Public Bill Office
House of Lords

“I don’t think I could feel any more part of Parliament: drafting and passing Bills is what a legislature does. I know what I do has an immediate effect on Members, business in the Chamber and, on occasion, the operation of the unwritten constitution. Although this sounds daunting, I find it incredibly motivating and a great privilege. Nothing quite tops the feeling of being asked a difficult question and working with a Member, who may be a world expert, to find a solution.”





Foanna **Badrock**

**Corporate Records Manager,
Information and Records
Management Service
House of Lords**

“It is amazing to think that the work I am doing now in managing current business information will mean that we have archives for the future. My work is especially exciting as I see the full picture and impact of the work that I do every day. I have also interacted with hundreds of colleagues during my time here and I have never before been so fortunate as to work with so many capable, interesting and friendly people.”

Seb **Motala**

Committee Specialist
Science & Technology Committee

“I manage inquiries on topics ranging from artificial intelligence to the effects of social media on children’s mental health. I love being in the midst of the political debates all around me. Seeing the impact of my work definitely helps me feel part of Parliament. Whether it’s a recommendation I wrote being taken up, or the Minister of a department being questioned using a brief I created, the impact my work has on policy and the public debate is hugely satisfying.”



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Laura **FOX**

Project Delivery Manager
Ways of Working

“My role involves telling the story of change and where it is taking us as an organisation. I enjoy talking to people who work here about the exciting journey ahead for the House Service and how we can benefit from the opportunities it holds. I feel part of Parliament because I have the privilege of telling the next chapter in the story of a service that has supported the democratic process for centuries.”

Elizabeth **Ralph**

Book Conservator, Collection Care team
House of Lords Archives

“My job is to repair parliamentary records dating back to the 15th century. I really enjoy working with my colleagues, who all bring their specialist knowledge to the table to ensure the longevity of the collection. I get fully immersed in the work that I carry out, and daily, feel a great part of Parliament, although not necessarily the present day Parliament! Currently I’m part of King James I’s Parliament, as I am working on a series of Commons journals from his reign.”





Stan **Onyejekwe**

**Lead Systems Engineer, Information Systems
Parliamentary Digital Service**

“I really enjoy working in Parliament because it is an environment steeped in history, prestige and culture. I work with friendly, truly amazing people and no two days are the same. I feel part of Parliament because I help provide out of hours support to MPs, Peers and staff, and so contribute to the continuing successes and the smooth running of the systems of both Houses.”

Winnie King

**PA to the Director General
House of Commons**

“I love working with many different people in Parliament, there is such diverse range of job roles and after working here for nearly 10 years, it feels like a big family. Being PA to the Director General means I get an overview of the work of all the different teams on the Estate, so I have learnt a lot in my role. I am proud to work here and feel a part of Parliament because my work contributes towards our objective of supporting a thriving parliamentary democracy.”





Elba **Amancay Tapia**

Visitor Assistant
Participation Team

“I love working in an iconic building where history is being made as we speak. Laws are created here, decisions that will affect not only the UK but also our relations with Europe and the rest of the world – that’s something for the book of my life. I feel part of Parliament because all of us contribute to running it, so no task is small or unimportant. The building is beautiful, but it is up to us, the people who work here every day, to make it extra special.”

Dan **Watson**

Senior Cyber Security Risk Analyst
Parliamentary Digital Service

“My role is all about Cyber Security risk – I carry out technical security risk assessments, advise colleagues and write risk policy and guidance. I most enjoy working as part of a committed, supportive and friendly team, and it is very rewarding to have contributed to ensuring the applications people use every day are secure. I feel part of Parliament because I’m helping Parliament’s daily cyber life to progress safely and securely. If users don’t know I’m here, I’ve done it right!”



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Zahra **Hardcastle**

Restoration & Renewal Programme
Strategic Estates

“I respect and admire the passion that those who work here have for what they do. It’s rare to find a group of people so invested in success. Seeing the significance each member of staff plays in the smooth running of a much bigger operation – from project leaders to catering staff to maintenance colleagues – makes me feel part of Parliament.”





Mark **Jenner**

Media Relations Manager
House of Commons

“It’s such a privilege working alongside brilliant people in Parliament. I really value how Parliament looks after its staff, whether that’s supporting the vibrant WENs, or giving us access to great talks, events – and lunchtime food options! The Media team helps defend the reputation of the House of Commons and seeks corrections and rebuttals in the media wherever necessary. It can be a challenging role, but one where you feel like you are directly playing a part in how Parliament is perceived.”

Dervish **Mertcan**

Press and Media Officer
House of Lords

“Every day is a school day here and I love that. I have learnt something new each and every day I’ve worked here. I feel part of Parliament because I help the Great British public find out about the work their Parliament is doing on their behalf. When I am able to get good media coverage, it makes me happy to think that in a sea of negativity, someone somewhere is seeing or hearing something positive about Parliament.”





Mayowa **Lukula**

Project Support Officer
Strategic Estates

“One of the things I enjoy most about working here is the effort everyone makes to include you and give you the opportunity to work with different people. You can get involved in new job opportunities or secondments, but also in outreach events and the WENs programme, and this makes Parliament an enjoyable environment to progress within. I feel part of Parliament because the culture is inclusive and adaptable – in every discussion, whether with managers, seniors or Members, my view is always welcomed.”

Roger Blagg

Stores Porter
Goods Receiving Bay

“I handle daily deliveries of fresh fruit, vegetables, meat and fish that have to be quickly sorted, quality checked and dispatched all over the Estate to the kitchens and restaurants. I feel part of Parliament because a great deal of trust is placed on us; we are responsible for delivering food across the whole Estate that’s not only tasty but also safe. I enjoy working at Parliament because I’m in such a great team and have lots of amazing colleagues throughout the Estate.”





Charlotte **Simmonds**

Head of EPMO
Corporate Services

“I run the Enterprise Portfolio Management Office, helping Parliament invest in and deliver the right projects at the right time to keep Parliament running. I enjoy working collaboratively across Parliament with some great people delivering interesting and ambitious projects. Every organisation needs to change to keep up with the times. I feel part of Parliament because the work the project teams deliver – refurbished buildings, new digital platforms and business change – means we are an essential cog in the Parliamentary machine.”

Debbie **McGuire**

Members' Security Support Service
Parliamentary Security Department

“Parliament is a truly unique place to work in terms of the buildings and the customers. I love the modernity of Portcullis House but also the old fashioned and historic feel of the main Palace building. I feel part of Parliament because my work helps keep Peers, MPs and their staff safe when working away from the Parliamentary Estate, which allows them to continue to represent the interests and issues of their constituents.”



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