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Karen Jamieson, Business Assurance Manager (Risk Management in Social Housing Sector)

Karen joined JCI Wakefield in summer 1991 when Wakefield was re-launched following a period of inactivity. Been actively involved since then.

Karen initially joined to expand her group of friends and take part in activities that she did not get the opportunity to do normally.

Whilst being a member Karen has been Community Director, Social Director, Treasurer, Personal Development Director, Administration Director, Deputy President, President and Regionally Assigned Officer. In 2006 Karen was appointed to National Board as Regional Group Chairman for the Yorkshire Chambers.

When Karen joined JCI Wakefield she was a bank cashier for a high street bank, her current position is Business Assurance Manager for a consultancy specializing in Risk Management in the Social Housing Sector.

Karen says:

The benefits of membership are numerous. I have a great and large group of friends. I have the ability to mix in all sorts of different circles and with a variety of people.

The opportunity to visit places and meet people that are normally not accessible.

The opportunity to undertake work in and feel more involved in the local community.

A really good laugh and some fantastic parties!

I have been involved in all projects and roles at a local level and I am now benefiting from increased confidence and opportunities having taken on the regional role this year.

My career has benefited from my increased confidence levels, access to training and information not always available in the work place. Also it has enhanced my ability to organise and project manage.

The skills obtained from the areas of opportunity have increased my marketability and given me the confidence to do jobs I wouldn't have before. Membership is always a talking point in an interview, particularly since I was awarded my Senatorship.

If someone asked me they should join JCI, I would tell them it is a wonderful way to meet new people that can become great friends or business contacts. You can do unusual things that you wouldn't get the opportunity to do otherwise. You will expand your skills and knowledge whilst putting something back into the community. You will learn new skills in an environment where there is lots of support and you won't get fired if you get it wrong.

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