

My name is Salah. The area that I was responsible for was the east end of London known as the Docklands.

The Docklands is, if you like, the new city moving from the square mile in the City of London to the east end of London.

So it has a huge proportion office infrastructure that is built for office buildings and some light, industrial manufacturing. Coupled with that, what you have is also residential infrastructure as well.

Communities that are there, some have language challenges. Being able to work around some of those challenges with always keeping one eye on the objective which is trying to get the census completed.

These are some of the typical challenges that you might face.

The time involvement in the census, as an area manager, is around four months, around four months with training, recruiting and also there's a lot of work to do when the census actually finishes as well, making sure that the staff, the collectors are paid, making sure that all the census returns have been completed,

It gives you a good, round skills base, because you have all of these aspects that you need to really understand and complete.

It is certainly a challenge, meeting different people from different backgrounds and different professions and you're also able to develop yourself as well in many respects, so there's so many plus points to be had.

The advice that I would have for people who may be considering to join the next census is that you are part of a great team that's helping, really to make the UK a great place to live, work and prosper, not only for businesses but also for people from every day from every walk of life. So you are part of this great team that makes our great nation.