

# Anne Maningas



**Train Operator  
Transport for London**

## **What does your job involve?**

My current grade is Train Operator on the Metropolitan line and I'm the youngest on the line at the moment. I first qualified on the Piccadilly line in 2011 and was the youngest on that line too!

## **How did you get into transport?**

I first joined London Underground as a Customer Service Assistant in April 2007, based at North Greenwich Station and worked on stations for the following four years. I saw a campaign poster one day encouraging women to apply for the job of train operator as they were under-represented in that role and so I put in for it. I had to apply twice as I didn't realise how rigorous the interview process would be, but my persistence paid off.

## **What attracted you to transport?**

I've always liked trains since I was a kid and when in high school I did a lot of volunteer work for the London Transport Museum, so I suppose it was always a field which appealed to me. I'm still involved with the London Transport Museum as a volunteering member, mainly stewarding at heritage train events.

## **What do you like about working in transport?**

No two days are the same. With UK transport in particular, a lot of progress has taken place in recent years and railways in particular are a really attractive place to work.

## **Why should people join our industry?**

There are so many opportunities in transport and you can have such a varied and fulfilling career. What I found when I was at school was that transport wasn't an industry that was promoted to us and so it wasn't something any of us would have considered.