

## **Valerie Todd, WTS London Past President**

### **Managing Director Group Services, Transport for London (TfL)**



Valerie is the Managing Director of Group Services for Transport for London (TfL), a position she has held since 2005. TfL, the integrated body responsible for the Capital's transport system is Europe's largest transport authority. Valerie joined TfL in 2003 as Director of Business Services in Surface Transport and was promoted to Director of Group Equality & Inclusion in 2004

Her desire is for organisations to be able to improve their appreciation and understanding of the benefits of diversity, and strongly believes diversity brings a richness of experiences that has been proven, time and time again, to add value and improve effectiveness across all types of organisations.

Valerie is founding President of the Women's Transportation Seminar London, an organisation she established in 2005 to tackle the under-representation of women in the sector and to promote the advancement of women in the transport industry. Valerie is also a member of the Employers' Forum on Disability President's Group. The Forum promotes the rights of disabled people. She is a Trustee of London's Transport Museum.

Valerie has been highly commended by Opportunity Now (Business in the Community) for her work promoting equality.

In 2008 Valerie was appointed a Commissioner to the UK Commission for Employment and Skills. The UK Commission, primarily advisory in nature and sponsored by Government, will help the UK achieve world class standing in employment, skills and productivity.

Valerie began her career after graduating from Leicester Polytechnic with a BA (hons) in Public Administration, and received her Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from the Open University.