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Why is celebrating cultural diversity important to you?

Celebrating cultural diversity is important as I find this educates people. You get to learn about different cultures, the meaning behind each celebration, and you'll understand why people do certain things in a certain way and the reasoning behind it.

Have there been any moments in your career where you've drawn inspiration from books, historical figures or events?

I have South Asian heritage, and Bangladesh is where my parents were born and raised before they moved to the UK. Bangladesh has had two female Prime Ministers since 1991, and is currently led by a female Prime Minister. This has always fascinated and inspired me as it is more of a struggle in Asian countries for women to be heard than it is in western countries.

Thinking of your own cultural heritage what are you most proud of?

I would say for me, what really strikes me about Bangladeshis is their sense of hospitality. Bangladeshis love to host and eat and even if they don't have much, they will open their arms to you. Usually, 10 dishes is the minimum!

What do you think VBG can do towards creating an inclusive working environment?

I'm new here so I'm not quite sure whether this is done, but recognising important cultural/religious holidays would be great.