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Anne Gunther, Chief Executive, Standard Life Bank

Anne Gunther is Chief Executive of Standard Life Bank, a position she has held since January 2002. Her previous role was as Managing Director of Direct Channels at Lloyds/TSB, with a team of 4,000 people looking after internet banking as well as a remit that covered cash machines to independent financial services.

Anne joined Manchester Junior Chamber in 1978 and was an active member for 10 years. She quickly got involved in helping organise activities such as the Lord Mayor's Parade in Manchester. At the time she was working as a clerk on the securities desk of NatWest Bank, which she had joined as a graduate in 1976.

Over her career in JCI UK Anne held a number of positions locally and she was National Treasurer in 1984 at the age of 27, at 35 she was training and development director.

As her career progressed Anne's active involvement in the organisation decreased as she was transferred to London. As a JCI Senator, Anne still keeps in touch with JCI UK activities and attends Senators' meetings held across the UK.

Anne believes that the benefits of membership of JCI UK are:

- You gain self-belief; you can practise skills without fear. It doesn't matter if you get it wrong at the start and most importantly, you have fun!
- You lose your self-consciousness and just do it. My favourite memories are taking part in the T side trek (30/40 miles hike), racing between locations and finishing with a champagne breakfast at the end surrounded by friends. It is memories like that which every member of JCI UK gains when they have been actively involved
- You get the opportunity to try and do things you don't have the opportunity to do at work. Membership helps build self-belief – you would do things and they would work! You take that belief and confidence back into the working place.
- Would I recommend membership of JCI UK? Without any hesitation, the benefits you gain can be taken and applied to your business life and you can see the impact that they have. Joining Junior Chamber was one of the best decisions I ever made.

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