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Vallin's background is in education, youth and equalities. He has taught in Montego Bay, Jamaica (1974-1979) and in London on teacher exchange programme (1979-1981)

Vallin returned to England in 1982 and has held various posts as outlined below:

- Youth Worker - London Boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark (1983-1990)
- Education Officer (Equalities) – Croydon (1990-1997)
- Director- Lewisham Race Equality Council (1997-1998)
- Education Officer- Hackney Race Equality Council (1998-2001)
- Manager-Southwark Black Mentoring and Inclusion Project and LOT, (2001-2011)

Vallin developed student leadership programmes, provided mentoring and inclusion support for vulnerable children and young people and encouraged BME parents to be more active in their children's education. He also advised Southwark Children's Services on equalities issues to ensure a more inclusive curriculum.

Vallin has considerable skills and experience in organising and leading groups on international education visits and youth exchange programmes. He has taken young people to Jamaica (1984 and 1988) and has led groups of students and chaperones since 2003 to the National Black MBA annual Business Education Conference to include Nashville, Philadelphia, Houston, San Diego, Atlanta, Washington, New Orleans, Los Angeles and Indianapolis. In addition, he successfully led a group of 20 teachers and educators to South Africa (2005-2006) to enhance their professional development.

In November 2011 Vallin established LOT as a not for profit organisation and has received funding and sponsorship from the National Lottery, Peckham Space, Southwark Youth Service and British Airways. With the help of a dedicated group of volunteers, he has supported over 2000 children and young people since 2002.

Vallin was nominated by British Airways to be a Torchbearer at the London 2012 Olympics in recognition of his sterling work with young people over the years.