

BUSINESS LEADER VOLUNTEER



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As a business leader what has attracted you to volunteer?

I recognise the importance of volunteering having relied on a number of volunteers myself to support the Enterprise Agency's work over the last 31 years. It is a way of adding value to the community by contributing skill sets that they might not otherwise have or that they cannot afford. It is also a valuable way of learning for me. It helps me to keep an open mind to new ideas and ways of working.

What type of volunteering activities do you do?

I am currently an Enterprise Advisor supporting Priory Learning Academy, I volunteer for the National Childbirth Trust, I am a volunteer director of a Community Land Trust and previously I have volunteered for the World Wildlife Fund, the National Lifeboat Association and as a school Governor.

What difference does your volunteering make to you and the recipients of your volunteering?

Hopefully I impart some of the knowledge I have gained along the way, help the organisations network and fundraise. For me I am able to learn about different communities, projects and ways of working and promote the Enterprise Agency services to a wider audience.

What are the main three features for business leaders to consider when volunteering?

Good governance, the commitment and time involved, equality and diversity.

