



Volunteers' experiences

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A view from a volunteer:

Jean Eu



Jean, who qualified in 2009 and has been a volunteer for over six years, says that as a student she was given the same chance to voice her views as more senior colleagues.

The experience of a student and newly qualified volunteer

“I first got involved in 2006 through the Momentum Conference (known then as the Younger Members’ Convention)” she says. “I have since served on the organising committee for five years – finishing my term as Chair. In 2006 I was also the student page editor and later deputy features editor for The Actuary magazine. I was freshfaced and liked the idea of writing.

On a personal level it has exposed me to people in the same field as well as outside. It has provided a network of other professionals outside where I work – giving me a better perspective of what is going on in the world.

When I first started working on a committee, I only had five months’ work experience, but the chair ensured I was involved and he gave me an equal voice among those far more senior to me. This was far different to my work environment as a new graduate.

There is a sense of belonging and fulfilment that comes with other people finding your contributions useful. When someone says that they enjoyed the conference, or that they found an article helpful, I feel as if I have done some good.”

Jean says: “I would encourage others to take the opportunity to be more engaged - it is your profession, your future and your chance to drive it forward.”

