



Volunteers' experiences

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A view from a volunteer: Linjie Li



"I'm a Fellow of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries based in Beijing, China. In 2013, I started my volunteer work while the Chief Representative of the IFoA was set up in China and the South East Asia in the same year."

The experience of an international volunteer

"As an international Fellow, I am very pleased to see that the promotion of the IFoA in China has been increased greatly and members are being looked after more. There are also more opportunities for me to play a role and make my own contribution to help. It also gives me joy to be with a group of enthusiastic members with common goals. I'm very happy when I see people accomplishing their targets in the actuarial career with my help."

With limited number of Fellows in China, I have engaged in various volunteer roles. I devote a great deal of time to helping student members who are sitting for exams in China. We do not have ActEd revision classes in China like the UK students have so some local students here really struggled to pass exams. When the study mentoring system was set up in China last year, I volunteered to be a mentor. I summarise my own successful exam experience and encourage others to share theirs too. We now have different study groups where experiences can be shared openly. I was assigned to help two student members with their ST2 exams last year. It was simply great to see them passing in the end. This mentoring experience not only gives me an opportunity to pass on my exam skills and experience, it also benefit me as I feel my knowledge has also been consolidated. This is because in order to answer mentees' questions thoroughly, I sometimes need to go back to some knowledge points and think hard for myself first. I was also inspired by mentees' great determination to pass their exams, and to see them passing in the end with my help has given me great satisfactions.

Another important volunteer task for me is to provide feedback and information to the IFoA for members' voice to be heard. I am on the China and SE Asia survey feedback group, I have also volunteered to be part of the 400 Club.

I believe that volunteers' contribution is very important for the promotion of IFoA outside the UK. So I hope there will be more and more volunteers emerging in the near future and I look forward to working together with them. Definitely a valuable and interesting experience!"