



Volunteers' experiences

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Engagement Profile

A view from a volunteer: **Antonie Jagga**



Antonie Jagga is a Fellow of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA) based in Singapore. He started his career as an actuarial graduate in South Africa and moved to Singapore in 2015 where he leads PwC's Financial Risk Management consulting practice across South-East Asia.

The experience of a volunteer based in Singapore

“In my career as an actuary, I've been fortunate enough to be involved in everything from life insurance to banking, and to travel the world. The actuarial qualification has been key in opening up these opportunities and in equipping me with the skills to remain relevant in a changing world.

I started volunteering for the IFoA in 2013, and have made a conscious effort to do so at every opportunity since. While it's not easy to take on the additional commitment, as we all have busy work and personal lives, I believe it's important to remember that being a professional goes beyond 9 to 5. I've personally benefited from the actuarial qualification, and would not be where I am today without it. This is largely due to two things: firstly the rigour of the education syllabus, and secondly, the ongoing professional development (through CPD) required by the IFoA. Neither of these would be possible without a strong group of volunteers to support the full-time employees of the IFoA.

In order for us to continue growing the profession, it is critical that we as members support the IFoA through volunteer work. This can take many forms: acting as Guinea Pigs, volunteering as committee members, or providing support by marking exam scripts. The IFoA makes it easy to be a volunteer, despite being based in a different country, or a different time zone for that matter! All information is made available electronically and I'm able to attend meetings via conference call. It's also great to work with people from different backgrounds, sharing experiences and helping to shape the future of the profession.

Finally, volunteering helps keep me grounded, even when my work life gets very busy. The change of pace and the sense of giving back to the profession is something that I personally find very satisfying. I would strongly encourage anyone thinking about getting more involved with the profession to take up volunteering.”

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