



## Volunteers' experiences

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### A view from a volunteer:

## Andrew MacFarlane



“I am a Fellow of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA) and am based in Bermuda where I have lived for more than 7 years. I work at XL Catlin Re which operates in the General Insurance (GI) industry and I am a volunteer who sits on the IFoA's Resource and Environment Board. I am also involved in the Climate Change Working Party.”

### The experience of a resource and environment volunteer based in Bermuda

“As an internationally based volunteer I dial in to Board meetings by conference call and I engage with the Executive staff and my peers via email between meetings. General Insurance is heavily influenced by extreme events and so having more insight into the resource and environment space and how this might affect general insurance now, and in the future, is hugely important to ensuring we are considering these aspects when making business decisions.

I have an interest in the resource and environment space and, when I volunteered for this role, I was keen to build up my knowledge in the field.

As a volunteer member of the Resource and Environment Board I wanted to combine my interest in the environment with my skills that I have obtained working as an actuary. In doing so, I not only have the opportunity to shape the way the IFoA takes things forward but also to broaden my learning in this wider field. It also allows me to combine my day job with an external interest in this space. As a result I have expanded my network and gained access to numerous experts in this field.

If you are reading this and considering taking on a volunteer role for the profession, I would encourage you to get involved. Look for opportunities that interest you and for ways in which you can use your skills but at the same time expand your development.”



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