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VOLUNTEERING WITH CILT

Meet Jonathan Scott

I have been volunteering for CILT for over one year now. It was a tough time to get into volunteering in times of major change and uproar. It is fair to say that I had many great ideas that were killed by Covid-19, but this did not stop me and I have been glad to be part of this change and reap the benefits. Many of us were sceptical at first, but now realise how it has actually helped progression in many industries, rather than hindered it. Volunteering for CILT has led me to meet new people, it has opened doors that were previously closed to me and I have been invited to host events.

I find volunteering very rewarding and a great way of progressing my personal journey. It has been a great opportunity for me to experience and work within different transport and logistics sectors. My background has been mainly in transport, with a small overlap into warehousing. CILT, with its connections to warehousing and transport, has assisted in my development.

My volunteering has followed two different streams. First, I was made Chair of East Midlands Region. I with the Chairs of Northamptonshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Groups, holding periodic meetings to discuss progress within these areas and what new events and activity the team can generate. I love being a part of that. Second, with the assistance of Chris Powell, we have been running sessions to help transport businesses gain a greater understanding of compliance-related issues in areas such as contracts, traffic commissioner guidance and enforcement, IR35, promoting the safe use of vehicles and how to investigate incidents and what can be done to prevent further incidents, and bringing transport operators together to share best practice and help each other improve. It is an honour to be a part of this and it has helped me to build my own confidence, heading up events on Zoom, and I hope my volunteering could lead me to hosting events in a face-to-face setting, too.

By the time this issue of *Focus* is published, I will have hosted: *Transport and Regeneration in the Midlands*, with The Waterfront Conference company. This is my first opportunity to do something like this and I certainly hope it will not be my last. Without volunteering, I would not have had this opportunity; this demonstrates how by volunteering, while you do give up some of your own time, the benefits can come to you in a way they perhaps would not have, had you only been a spectator rather than a player.

I have found volunteering a fantastic way to make personal progress. I would strongly recommend anyone who wishes to get ahead, where meeting people is essential to progression and who have time, to consider volunteering.

Jonathan Scott CMILT
 Chair, East Midlands Region.

Volunteering with CILT can open up many exciting opportunities, such as presenting at national conferences

