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Volunteer Reflections





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Why the volunteers were the heroes of IPA Glasgow 2023



Janet's reflections of volunteering at IPA Glasgow 2023



How did volunteering meet your expectations? What was the best thing about volunteering?

"I got to learn about global projects, meet others volunteering from Glasgow and beyond, be of service"

"Meeting people with a passion for play from all over the world"

"Feeling like we were helping to keep things running according to plan"

"It didn't meet them it surpassed them. The team of volunteers were fabulous to be a part of, which helped, and was total luck! The willingness of the coordinators to give opportunities to volunteers to access sessions we had a particular interest in was really appreciated. Also play people are generally awesome, so it was an overwhelmingly positive atmosphere / environment"

"Sarah was the friendliest, most organised leader which made it all work perfectly"

"Networking, feeling like part of a wider team within IPA, being able to attend some of the workshops. (The T-shirt and water bottle!!)"

"I think it was great to be able to share our preferred sessions to sit in. That way, I could both listen to presentations that I really wanted to hear and assist them. It was a win-win situation"

What were the Challenges?

A photograph of four children on a beach at night. They are wearing headlamps and are gathered around a red and white striped beach ball. One child is sitting on the sand, another is kneeling, and two others are standing. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the headlamps and a faint light from the horizon.

“I had never been part of anything like this before, so nerves on the first day were high”

“On day 1 some of the logistics of room numbers/ movement to different rooms within the time frame”

“Trying to generate interest in less popular workshops and lectures”

“Many participants wanted sessions that were full and there were disappointed they couldn't join”

Why would you volunteer again?

“I got such a buzz and sense of satisfaction knowing I had contributed even in a small way to success of event . . . and I met so many great people I really enjoyed the camaraderie!”

“It was a great opportunity and despite wiping me out by the end of the week, I would go back you do it all over again in a heartbeat. It was fun, informative, interesting and enjoyable :)”

“Wonderful experience and boosted my own learning and motivation”

“The positive buzz, wonderful people and huge opportunity to learn. I actually feel a bit cheeky because I got so much out of it without paying for a ticket! The fact the volunteers were so valued and celebrated also made it an experience that I would repeat in a heartbeat. Positivity comes naturally to people who value play, it seems. I could surround myself with these types of people every day!”

“I was treated with kindness and respect. I do wish that I could have been there for the whole conference, unfortunately I was committed to another event”

“I think it was a great experience overall, fun and engaging”

