



## Workshop – Volunteering – Engaging and being Engaged

Why do people professionally volunteer? Choosing to work additional hours outside of our jobs for free may seem crazy. Yet for some reason statistically most Australian will volunteer at a point in their professional careers. There must be a reason behind this? For organisations like Engineering Australia (EA) and Engineers without Borders (EWB) that rely on volunteers to succeed understanding volunteer engagement is a key to their success.

Yet equally important is our own understanding of why we chose to volunteer. For example, what would get you to volunteer? Asking such questions causes us to consider both parties' reasons behind the role. In turn leading to respect for the partnership that volunteering truly is. This approach moves our thinking of volunteer from a service-based model to one that works to connect equally with both parties' aims. A method that can be applied in both paid and unpaid positions.

To discuss this challenge EWB and EA invite you to a workshop on professional volunteerism. An event which will seek to find the answer to these often overlooked questions.

For professionals seeking greater engagement with volunteering as well as seeking to engage volunteers

### Benefits to Participants

The aim of the event is to educate and provide tools to identify methods available to engage each party's motivation with the required volunteer activities. To achieve this the event will first look at the academic theory behind volunteer motivation through a presentation from EWB and Scouts Australia. Both organisations having extensive experience in breaking down the factors behind volunteering. After this, the workshop will move into supported workshops with hands-on activities designed to assist participants to identify their own driving factors while developing appreciation for what drives others. Through this approach participants will develop tools to focus, engage and maximize their own time and that of those around them.

Places are limited so early registration is recommended. Up to 2 CPD points can be claimed for attendance.

Date: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2018

Cost: \$10 for EA and EWB members, \$20 for non-affiliated Member

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Engineers Australia, 8 Thomas Street, Chatswood, NSW, 2067,

Register: Visit <https://www.ewb.org.au/events/75/12748>

This workshop is delivered by EWB Connect, an initiative of EWB Australia. EWB Connect aims to inspire, educate and train individuals and organisations in the skills

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