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Why did you choose to take on a voluntary trusteeship?

Taking on a voluntary trusteeship gives you the opportunity to contribute your time and expertise to a worthwhile cause, which is very rewarding. For me however, the real value has been the opportunity for learning and growth and knowing that your own contribution is helping the organization learn and grow as well. When you're working in a good environment as a trustee it's a great opportunity for a mutually beneficial relationship!

The exposure to different organizations that face their own unique challenges is really interesting and informative, particularly if, like me, the sector is new to you.

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I would certainly recommend joining a voluntary board. My experience has been very positive and continues to both interest and engage whilst allowing me to offer my skills, services and experience to an organization that really values and appreciates that contribution.