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I joined the Board of the Louth Volunteer Centre (LVC) in March 2019. LVC is one of 21 Volunteer Centres across Ireland that seeks to encourage more and more people to become involved in volunteering. I joined the Board because I wanted to make a positive and long-lasting contribution in my local community. I also wanted to gain a better understanding into how not-for-profit organisations are governed and what it takes to successfully lead within the sector.

Fast forward six months and I am loving every aspect of my role as Trustee. I have not missed a single Board Meeting. I even dialled in from holiday in Greece, just to make sure I didn't miss out on anything important. Being a Charity Trustee is by no means an easy task. There is a lot of learning, preparation and strategic thinking involved (which is exactly what I hoped to gain from this experience). With each passing month I feel myself learning more and more on how to be a "down the line" thinker.

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