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Get inspired by Mike Kelly, our Psychotherapist – Become a Volunteer today!

We have asked Mike Kelly, our Psychotherapist who has been a Member of EDTNA/ERCA for 15 years about the benefit it brings to everyone involved of being a Volunteer.

‘What would you like to say to other Members who consider to become an EDTNA/ERCA Volunteer?’

“In two words – DO IT.”

Volunteering is generally considered as an unselfish activity and is intended to promote goodness and improve human quality of life. And this is true and at the same time, in return, your volunteering will generate a feeling of self-worth and respect.



Mike Kelly
Psychotherapist

To perform volunteering at EDTNA/ERCA is also well known for professional skill development, to meet new friends and colleagues and also allow yourself to have some fun. Volunteering for us at the Association have positive benefits for you as a Volunteer as well as for the persons or communities served and involved in your activities. Join us today – Become a Volunteer!

‘So Mike, why did you decide to become a Member of EDTNA/ERCA?’

“Being a minority in the renal field I felt it was important to link with others doing similar work, e.g. social workers. The EDTNA/ERCA provided such a forum but also opened up the possibility of listening to and gaining from the experiences of other working in this field across Europe. Over the years I have found this engagement beneficial and enriching in the work I do.”

‘Why did you decide to become a Volunteer?’

“I attended the EDTNA/ERCA Annual International Conference over the years. I linked in closely with the social work group and worked with the Consultant in post. I collaborated in the planning of workshops and in their presentation at the conference. When the previous incumbent left their post they recommended to the Executive Committee to approach me to take up the role which I accepted.”

‘What was your first assignment as a Volunteer?’

“I think my first assignment was to produce my proposed goals for that year! From there it moved on to cooperation with other Volunteers in producing written materials, collaborating with other Volunteer's in preparation for the International Conferences.”

‘What would you like to say to other Members who consider to become an EDTNA/ERCA Volunteer?’

“In two words DO IT. I have learned a great deal from my role as Volunteer. I find working with others, across Europe, expands my knowledge and understanding which has filtered down into my clinical practice. The distilling of information, reflection on clinical practice has enormous benefits for those who are central to our role - our patients. Becoming a Volunteer with EDTNA/ERCA opens up the possibility for personal growth, team work, and engagement with other likeminded professionals across Europe.”



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'What is your best memory or impression you have about EDTNA/ERCA?'

"For me it is the sense of team work. The investment of time, energy and effort is impressive and gives that sense of belonging to something worthwhile, worth investing in and making a contribution from one's particular professional perspective. That creates its own energy the beneficiaries of which are the ordinary members of the organisation."

'Anything you would like to add?'

"For the EDTNA/ERCA to continue doing the valuable work it does requires the participation of all its members in different ways. To volunteer offers the opportunity to make a unique contribution to the work of the organisation which in turn should contribute to better and more professional patient care."