**Volunteering – extra depth to your professional career and to your CV.**

Education and self improvement is now a life-long endeavour. Gone are the days when people could sit in the same job for forty plus years. It seems like every other day you’re going through a restructure where your company is re-aligning its business, and with it, adding and subtracting people and positions and because of this it is important to regularly review your CV and keep it up-to-date.

Which brings me to the topic of how to stand out from the crowd when applying for a job? Other than the normal selection criteria, employers are often looking for those people with something extra on their CV; something that distinguishes one applicant from another. Who is prepared to go the extra mile or is active in their professional community? Many applicants will have a PMP certification, but who has noted that they’ve helped their local chapter (or even the global organisation) on a special project, supporting events or one of the portfolios?

If you have ever considered volunteering, then why not contact one of the directors to find out where you can help out, or contact me at [membership@pmisydney.org](mailto:membership@pmisydney.org).

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