



Benefits of Skills-based Volunteering

For the organisation:

- ✓ Increased our capacity and capability
- ✓ Enabled us to provide new services
- ✓ Provided us with ongoing benefits

A VALUABLE COLLABORATION

The Telethon Kids Institute ('the Institute') is based within the Perth Children's Hospital, and is one of the largest, and most successful medical research institutes in Australia, comprising a dedicated and diverse team of more than 700 staff and students. Their goal is to build on their success and create a research institute that makes a real difference in the community, which will benefit children and families everywhere.

The Institute are moving towards adopting a collaborative procurement program involving joint procurement processes as well as facilitating access to the Institute's supply partner contracts. Now ready to launch this new program, the Institute called on the help of Volunteering WA to source a skilled volunteer to assist in translating plans and ideas into executable actions, with the outcome used to guide development of a communications and marketing plan.

Responding to this volunteer request was Xavier Cousin, a senior professional in project contracts and procurement at BHP. Over a six-month period, he has supported the Institute to move the program forward by peer-reviewing supply contracts, marketing material, business case material, as well as providing input into the Institute's risk assessment considerations.





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For the volunteer:

Volunteering has improved my...

- Motivation
- Awareness of wider social issues
- Pride in my company / my job
- Influencing and negotiation skills

Emma Gillespie, a representative from the Institute, advised that the project has now been successfully launched to the market and was very pleased with the assistance of Xavier in helping them to deliver the initiative. She commented that he gave the Institute the support, confidence, other viewpoint, methodology and assistance to launch.

“We had an excellent experience working with the volunteer. We built a great working relationship from the outset and we greatly valued his perspective and input”.

Xavier found the experience to be a very positive one, commenting that he would participate in skill-based volunteering again and would be extremely likely to recommend it to his colleagues. Xavier expressed his enjoyment “working on a project which indirectly helps to further the important research conducted at TKI (the Institute)”.

Well done on a successful collaboration and thank you, Xavier, for your volunteering contribution!