**Sodirakis Kakouris – LGOWIT eLearning Development Officer**

Volunteering is one good way of actually getting to some jobs. If you want to specialise in particular areas, I think, nowadays, charitable organisations are moving into being slightly more commercial than they have been. So people with business studies degrees or any business acumen, very good for helping the charities to actually get to where they need to be. With funding being restricted from central governments now, they've got to find other ways and other opportunities of raising funds, so people with those kind of backgrounds and experiences volunteering are a great help to the charities and they can lead to good solid employment opportunities from that.

**Alan Grant – LGOWIT Development Officer and Community Networker**

It gives people confidence, it gives people new skills, it gives networking opportunities and, you know, it just puts people in a better place and I'm sure the fact that if you’re sitting in a job interview that if you say that you have done volunteering and that you have lots of interesting experiences from that to share, it can’t be a bad thing.

**Mary O’Hara – LGOWIT Course and Communications Administrator**

In some cases directly but in our case I think what volunteering and doing the training offers is a lot of, sort of, soft skills type development. Confidence, presentation skills, just interacting with people and those are skills that all employers look for.

**Roy Anderson – LGOWIT Community Networker**

Obviously the qualification that people get initially in order to deliver the courses, that is transferable to other sort of things and to work employment situations. And just experience people have of delivering the courses and working with people and supporting people and so on. These are all transferable skills that are useful.

**Mary O’Hara – LGOWIT Course and Communications Administrator**

Yeah I think it's really practice that makes the difference in developing those skills and taking the train the trainer and then delivering the course really gives people confidence.

**Joanne McCoy – LGOWIT Project Co-ordinator**

I think it’s a great opportunity on your CV to have lots of volunteering activities. I think there's a lot of people probably don't realise that they’re volunteering. People help out in all sorts of ways and clubs, groups that they're involved with but you don't necessarily think of yourself as a formal volunteer but actually if you're looking for a job then it shows that you've got commitments, passions, that you've got different abilities and that you're willing to learn and, kind of, train and develop. So I always think that looks good on your CV.