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Volunteer Spotlight

Myriam Sinclair-Dwyer



“Don’t think about it; don’t hesitate – dive right in,” says Myriam Sinclair-Dwyer, the driving force behind the “green vest” assistants at AME conferences. **“I really love managing [these] workers and getting to know them.** One of the comments we always get is that we treat them with respect.” This people-centric leadership style is core to AME. “Volunteers,” says Sinclair-Dwyer, “rarely have a bad experience. There are too many people invested in [them] who want to help” them succeed. In addition to the green vests, Sinclair-Dwyer helps lead networking, and loves the challenge of developing networking elements in different cities and for different chairs.

When she was approached about

volunteering in 2008, Sinclair-Dwyer could tell the people were passionate about the organization, and she notes that “the way they described AME – different people from different regions coming together – sounded like a great cause. It also sounded like a challenge, and a great way to build my network.” Sinclair-Dwyer, who serves as the French Procurement Manager for Thermor Ltd., says that volunteering with AME has helped in her current role. “When we have discussions about lean in our office, I am able to fully participate.” What keeps her coming back, however, is her fellow volunteers – “nice people who treat me like family” and the attendees who “tell us that the networking element was ‘the best thing ever.’ It makes the long days worth it!”

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