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“it was much more than I expected it to be”

A long term volunteer, she has been involved with previous sporting events in Glasgow. She was asked by a friend (who had not previously volunteered) to consider the HCV role. For her the motivation was an opportunity to use her knowledge and experience – “for me it is not so much what I would get but it is about giving back ... I just think its time to give something back to the city”.

Pre-Games expectations were limited to “just seeing that people are really happy and directed in the right direction, that’s enough for me, just to be part of it”.

Games time experiences more than lived up to her expectations – “So far has been absolutely better than expected it has been an amazing experience, very good, lots of people from all over the world ... all really good, it was excellent” and even more enthusiastically “, absolutely brilliant and as I said I’ve done volunteering from over 20 years, so I’ve done ... special Olympics, I was at different venues, but this is way up ... it has been amazing”. In contrast to other sport event volunteering, she found the atmosphere of the HCV programme very different, “really good at the same time ... more interacting ...people are just quite happy to stand and talk about sport, their experience and different things”

Her **highlights** included:

“the atmosphere, and just the team working ... everybody just got together and just worked together and has been a huge success as far as I’m concerned”

Post-Games reflections

The HCV role: “I made new friends, I gained a lot of more knowledge about what goes on during the Commonwealth Games”. But she found the selection of some of the Team Leaders difficult to understand as “had never volunteered before” and lacked leadership skills.

Myself: “I’ve applied yesterday for the Ryder Cup, I do the International Badminton {and} we’ve also been asked if we want to help out at St George square when the Christmas festivities is on, so, every weekend is probably taken up with volunteering which is great”.