

Do Something Great

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I'm Martha Lane Fox. I'm lucky enough to be the chancellor of this great university, Open University. And I also started my own small grant-giving foundation called Antigone. And I founded a digital skills charity called 'Go ON UK'. And I'm the patron of a couple of other charities as well.

I feel lucky because I'm always swooping in and out of these organizations. And I feel I've got this incredible perspective across lots of different sectors. I think the thing that I'm constantly amazed by is just how dedicated people are and how much time people give up, whether it's neighborhood watch schemes-- I think I read that there are 300,000 Neighborhood Watch people who look around their neighborhood to make sure people are safe, through to people volunteering in the National Trust, to the Digital Champions Network that we're building through some of my work. I am constantly flabbergasted about how generous people are with their time and how much of our society operates on volunteering.

If listening to me has inspired you to volunteer or even work in the voluntary sector, why not take this free OpenLearn course from the Open University. It will provide you with some context about how the voluntary sector operates and also give you some useful skills, should you want to go onto a career or even just volunteer.