

# Volunteer profile

**Name:** Jeroen Peters

**Volunteer role:** Referee

**Day job:** Business consultant specialising in Direct and Indirect Sales

**Role description:** I have been a swimming official for about 12 years. I referee at all levels from club to the European Masters Championships.

**How I got involved:** I started swimming locally at Romily Marina. I became the Chairman after 10 years with the club and was asked to represent the NW Region on the National Technical Committee for Masters. I currently Chair the new SE Masters Working Group, am a member of the SE Swim Leadership Group and take the England seat on the GB Masters Committee. I am also a committed swimmer with GASC, compete in Masters events including Regional, National and European Championships and officiate at all levels, both masters and age-group events.

**What I love about volunteering:** Volunteering is what makes a community. We are all part of multiple communities, school, work, sport etc. The strongest and best ones are those with a lot of volunteer activity. I love to see children and adults become or remain active. Just like teachers and coaches, officials fulfil an essential function in the swimming community. It gives me a lot of satisfaction and enjoyment to see the faces of excitement (and sometimes disappointment) of achievements of swimmers. It have also made many good friends through officiating, many I would never have met if I had not become a swimming referee.

*“The willingness to share does not make one charitable; it makes one free” – Robert Brault*

