

Interview

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#YourLOC



Which LOC are you a member of and what is your role?

Berkshire LOC Committee member.

How long have you been involved in the LOC?

I joined in July 2023 following attending the AGM where they were looking for new committee members. I had often been advised by the compliance team to seek help from my local LOC and having finally accepted an Invite to an event, decided to go one step further.

What made you decide to get involved in the LOC?

I went to the AGM as was interested to see what the LOC do.

Following the event I put myself forward to join the LOC Committee to further learn about the workings locally. Having done the Induction Course via LOCSU, I started to get an understanding and now want to get involved with anything I can do to support the local optical community.

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What have you got out of being an LOC member?

A greater understanding of how services are funded and links between all the groups like ABDO, LOCs, LOCSU, ICB and NHS England.

What would you say to anyone wondering whether to get involved with their LOC?

It does give you a wider appreciation of the optical world than just your practice. What you do there can shape the optical world in the future and it gives you scope to take your talents in other directions.