



## **Martin Farrell**

I have been in and around the voluntary sector for four decades since volunteering in the rough end of Manchester and in a South African handcraft charity in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Having worked for charities large (Save the Children, British Red Cross) and small (Centre for Crime and Justice Studies), I started working independently in 1999. I set up get2thepoint three years later. [www.get2thepoint.org](http://www.get2thepoint.org)

Get2thepoint is an expanding international consultancy which helps clients make good decisions for the people they care about. We help clients to initiate and drive productive management processes and to transform meetings, conferences and other gatherings.

I like to share work with others, it's more fun that way and gets a better job done, more easily. So I share most get2thepoint contracts. Our passion, knowledge, skill and integrity combine with business discipline to understand where clients are and to help them make good decisions and get to the point they want to get to.

**Specialisms** Over four decades I have acquired a broad range of experience of professional areas including mental health, volunteering, refugees, young people, crime, mentoring, corporate social responsibility and community development.

I put all this together to help people make things happen - to get to the point. I invite groups of any size to build a sense of community so they can work together purposefully and powerfully. Planning and facilitating meetings of all sorts is a part of this.

**Geographical areas covered** Our primary focus is on the UK voluntary sector and to a lesser extent with local and central government. Since 2002 I have facilitated meetings for international clients such as UN Volunteers, UN Climate Change Secretariat, Fairtrade Labelling Organisations International, the European Restorative Justice Network and Transparency International.

**Publications** With long standing MDN members Lois Graessle and George Gawlinski published 'Meeting Together' in 2006. [www.meetingtogether.org](http://www.meetingtogether.org) Since 2005 I have written regular columns in Governance magazine (since 2007) called 'Under the BoardTalk' <http://www.get2thepoint.org/g2p/governance.php>

**Languages** I speak good conversational German and French, made my first tentative steps with learning Spanish at the end of 2009 and intend to be fluent in all three by my 65<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2015. (Just do it!)

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