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Martin Farrell has worked in the voluntary sector for four decades, holding senior positions, including two as Chief Executive. Having worked in charities large (British Red Cross, Save the Children), small (Centre for Crime and Justice Studies) and middle sized (Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health) charities, he began working independently in 1999.

He is Founder and Director of get2thepoint Ltd. Established in 2002, get2thepoint has grown to become a highly regarded consultancy network which helps clients to make right decisions, which work for them and for the people they care about. Working locally, globally and everywhere in between, get2thepoint brings new energy to inspire new thinking.

Get2thepoint brings together the skills of independent consultants to form project teams which are overseen and managed by Martin. Get2thepoint has been engaged by a wide variety of clients, mainly in the voluntary (not for profit) and public sectors who require external input on strategic direction, project review, development, planning and implementation.

Martin has worked in the UK, US, and Europe and is an experienced and 'in demand' facilitator. In 2006, he co-published 'Meeting Together – how to transform your meetings, conferences and other gatherings'. Martin gives 10% of his time for no fee and every year get2thepoint makes donations to charities recommended by its clients.

**Get2thepoint and personal clients** include (for more, see [www.get2thepoint.org](http://www.get2thepoint.org)):

### **Facilitation**

**UNFCCC (Climate Change) Bonn 2006** - present: facilitating (seven) staff retreats  
**Small Woods Association 2008** facilitating strategic review session  
**NCVO 2008** – present: running Barclays NCVO leadership programme for small NGOs  
**NUS and Equality Challenge Unit 2008** – present: developing proposals for student interfaith collaboration on campus and facilitating interfaith dialogue  
**'V' (Youth volunteering) 2005 – 2007**: facilitating of series of conferences and meetings  
**European Forum for Restorative Justice 2005 and 2006** conference facilitation in Brussels, Vienna, Helsinki  
**Time Banks USA 2005 – 2007**: Board facilitation and leading strategic planning process  
**London 2012 Olympics 2005-6**: Facilitated Volunteering Summit  
**North East London Strategic Health Authority 2003 - 2005**: facilitating inter-professional conferences and team development  
**Mentoring Europe 2004** Facilitating Europe wide training conference  
**Globalverkstan, Sweden March 2006**: teaching project management in international context

### **Strategic review and planning**

**Cabinet Office 2006** – present: review and implementation, Queens Award for Voluntary Service

**Aston Mansfield Charities February – September 2008**: strategic review

**Childlink** May – August 2008: strategic review  
**British Red Cross** 2007: Strategic Positioning re 2012 Olympics  
**Refugee Council** 2004: Strategic review  
**Community Foundation Network** 2006 – 2008 'Know and be known' project and evaluation of Capacitybuilders programme

### **Crisis support and supporting transition**

**Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations (ACEVO)** 2002 - present: crisis support for Chief Executives facing dismissal.  
**Academy of Social Sciences** 2007 supporting transition to new management  
**British Red Cross** 2005 London bombings relief; 1999 Start-up manager, centre for Kosovo refugees

### **Trusteeships**

**Read International** Trustee 2007 – present  
**Time Banking UK** Trustee May 2004, Chair February 2005 - present  
**Volunteering England Trading Ltd** Director 2004 – 2006,  
**Student Volunteering England** Trustee May 2003; Vice Chair April 2005 – 2007

### **Full time employed Positions**

**Big Brothers and Sisters** Director  
September 1999 – March 2000

- Initial set up of mentoring charity based on US model

**The Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health** General Manager  
January 1997 – December 1998

- Doubling income publications and events; introducing project management and a simple unified planning cycle; streamlining HR and re-engineering the finance function; developing new IT strategy.

**British Red Cross Society** Head of Branch Support Department  
1991 – 1996 (including 2 months, Acting Director, UK Operations Division)

- Responsible for delivering and co-ordinating management support from National Headquarters to 89 branches in the UK during a time of major organisational change including developing and implementing strategic planning programme, managing £4.5m designated fund, managing residential refugee reception centres, approval of and implementing the first British Red Cross volunteering policy and developing trustee training programme.

**Centre for Crime and Justice Studies, Kings College, London** Chief Executive  
1987 – 91

- Resurrecting and revitalising this long established Institute by introducing professional management, finance & membership systems, generating new income, raising the organisation's profile, developing programme of national, international conferences, tours, publications and visits, co-editing 'Crime in Europe', (Routledge 1991) and being founding editor of the quarterly journal 'Criminal Justice Matters'.

**Junction Project** (London Borough of Lambeth)  
1981 - 1986

- Founding Director of this project which implemented a ground breaking model providing community alternatives to custody for serious young offenders.

### Early career experience

- 1979-80**      **Self employed:** Completed MSc thesis. Psychotherapy training. Led groups for disadvantaged young people in Westminster. Part-time building business.
- 1977-79**      **Team Leader** (Acting Co-Director 1978) Hammersmith Teenage Project for
- 1974-75**      **Nursing Assistant**, Young People's Psychiatric Unit; Cambridge
- 1973-74**      **Ancillary Probation Officer**; Brighton Probation Service
- 1972.73 **Volunteer**, Devcraft, Johannesburg South Africa, charity for the production and sale of African handcrafts
- 1972.74 **Auxiliary Nurse**, Hospital for people with learning difficulties, Sussex
- 1968-69**      **Volunteer** working with young people, Moss Side Baptist Church, Manchester

### Further skills and knowledge

- Fluent conversational German
- Good conversational French
- Psychotherapy training and experience of therapy and counselling as client and therapist since 1979; initiated victim/offender mediation in early 1980s

### Education and professional qualifications

1980	Surrey University	MSc in Applied Social Studies
1975-76	Surrey University	CQSW
1969-72	York University	BA Hons (2.1) Politics/Economics
1961-68	Lewes schools	9 'O' & 2 'A' levels

### Leisure pursuits and personal

- Motorcycling Running Mountain walking Swimming Buddhist meditation.
- Full UK car and motorcycle licence.
- British with unrestricted right to work in the UK
- Date of birth: 1st May 1950