

6 Ideas for Things to do Post-Career

(not retirement)

Find a new career.

What have you always dreamed of doing? Is it practical? Maybe not if your dream is being a professional athlete, but you trip over your own feet and haven't exercised in 20 years. But maybe so if it includes your natural talents and what you've learned along the way. Then, perhaps it is doable. Anyway, go ahead and dream. Explore!

Start a business.

Is the entrepreneur bug in you? Have you longed to take the reins in your own business? What would that look like? Can you translate what you've done for pay into a viable service, consulting, or retail company? Do you have the day-by-day stamina and support to make that happen? Does it sound exciting? Depending on the business, you may not even need a physical location, but can provide your products or services wherever you are!

Discover volunteer opportunities.

Volunteering can fill your heart and spirit as you help those in need in tangible ways. And non-profits of all kinds welcome mature volunteers with open arms. Check out local and national charities, as well as mission agencies with your same values.

Work with a mission agency.

There are mission agencies associated with almost every religion and denomination, as well as many who are non-denominational. And they always have the need for qualified and willing personnel who share their vision and beliefs. Some offer salary and some benefits, some can't pay most staff but do provide housing or other needs. Assignments can be local or in various parts of the country or the world.

Immerse yourself in a hobby you haven't had time for in too long.

The products of a creative hobby make good gifts...and you can sell them at craft fairs or online through your own website, Etsy, Pinterest, and even Amazon. Go ahead and retrieve your inner creative skills! Have fun!

Travel!

US National Parks Service has programs for older workers. One is serving as a park ranger for a few months. Another is an actual job (usually on a project basis) using your skills in various National Parks. Check out their website for information: [Work for Us \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](http://nps.gov)

A Career Coach can be a wonderful guide to help you explore and move into the Encore portion of your life. If you'd like to learn how that can work for you, contact me. I'm here for you!

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