



# Getting Together Matters

**Online Activity Volunteer – supporting older people to join weekly activities.**

## **Volunteering Matters**

Everyone in the UK should have the opportunity to thrive. So, we bring people together to overcome some of society's most complex issues through the power of volunteering.

We partner with communities to overcome adversity, tackling social isolation and loneliness, improving health, developing skills and opportunity, and making sure young people can lead change.

And we turn local knowledge and energy into action and progress, building stronger communities and a better future for all.

## **Purpose of the role**

Getting Together Matters provides activities & company for people who are self-isolating and unable to leave their home as direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many of these people are already recognised as the most vulnerable in society; this could be due to a range of factors, including age or a pre-existing medical condition. Your role will enable people to maintain contact with the outside world, helping them to feel less lonely and improving their general wellbeing.

The project forms part of our Covid response to involve older people in meaningful engagement and reduce isolation.

**Please note this role is subject to a DBS check & training.**

## **Time frame:**

Weekly commitment of min 1 hours, daytime support Mon- Friday. 6 months min commitment.

Responsibilities and duties may include:

## **Key Duties:**

1. Logging on your laptop/ computer to the organisation zoom.
2. Preparing online classes in line with the agreed activity and liaising with GTM staff to support smooth delivery (printing/ informing beneficiaries etc.)
3. Helping older people to get on to the online activities.

4. Communicating with beneficiaries and GTM staff regarding starts/ breaks and class cover.
5. Support the Getting Together Matters Team to reduce loneliness and isolation
6. Keep in touch with Project Manager.
7. Following Safeguarding / Boundaries as outlined in volunteer training.

**Key attributes:**

1. Access to a telephone and able to make outgoing calls at no charge
2. Access to a computer
3. Basic IT skills essential
4. Good listening and communication skills
5. Very patient
6. Interest in supporting older people.
7. Empathy and compassion
8. Understanding of confidentiality
9. Socially responsible

**The role description is intended to include the broad range of responsibilities and requirements of the volunteering post. As our services are changing, all of the time there will be regular opportunities for you to change the nature of your volunteering or change to supporting other services in our area to help you have a good experience while you are volunteering with us.**

**Volunteers are the cornerstone of our work with vulnerable people in our local communities and we are grateful that you are offering your time to help us to make a difference.**