

Digital Literacy Project Workers x 2 – (Fixed term 1-year Contract)

Salary: £13,000

Hours: 20 p.w.

Based at: One post at Northfield Community Partnership & One post at Age UK in Edgbaston

Accountable to Northfield Community Partnership Digital Literacy Coordinator

Role Summary

To assist the Digital Literacy Coordinator in the development and implementation of a digital lending library and learning library for over 50s across the constituencies of Northfield and Edgbaston Birmingham.

To build opportunities for extended digital literacy engagement across the two constituencies.

Overview

Neighbourhood Network Schemes (NNS) are responsible for maintaining an online service directory for professionals and the wider community to harness opportunities and activities provided by the voluntary sector and community assets who provide services to the over 50s.

NNS do this through providing a range of training, governance, capacity building, and funding opportunities to community assets who in turn work with over 50s.

Each of the ten Constituencies across Birmingham has an NNS scheme which is funded through Birmingham City Council's adult and communities Program.

Edgbaston and Northfield NNS have been leading on a range of initiatives supporting older people and community organisations during the Covid 19 crisis as NNS facilitators, this has included being the lead organisation for emergency support through a range of initiatives, which have supported citizens through food poverty, health and wellbeing support, friendly phone calls, online activities, and signposting to a vast array of other community assets. This has allowed them to remain open and implement new ways of working.

The Project

One of the gaps that has been identified by both NNS constituencies is the lack of digital literacy support not only through lack of data but also knowledge and devices. This is especially important now during the Covid 19, as a way for citizens to remain engaged with services and activities which can help them navigate the pandemic. Digital literacy skills have been shown to increase health and well-being and decrease isolation and loneliness.

This new project has been funded through the Heart of England Foundation and is a partnership between Northfield NNS, (Northfield Community Partnership) and Edgbaston NNS (Age UK, and Gateway Family services)

The project will ensure that over 50s and community assets across both constituencies will have access to increased digital literacy opportunities through a range of mechanisms and specifically a digital lending library.

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Closing date for applications: 5pm, Friday 23rd July 2021