

Role Title: Befriender	Responsible to: Befriending Coordinator
Where (Location):	To provide 1:1 Befriending to an allocated person within Berkshire in person (Tea-Friending) or by phone or digital communication (E-Friending)
Time commitment:	2-3 hours per week /fortnight
Role:	<p>To befriend an adult who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is LGBT+, over the age of 50, isolated and has Limited Social Connections • is LGBT+ and housebound (no age restrictions) and has Limited Social Connections <p>The period of befriending is to improve their self-confidence, emotional health and wellbeing, reducing their social isolation and promote their independence.</p>
Responsibilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To visit or phone an individual with whom you have been matched, building a relationship of friendship and trust • To provide the individual with regular company and/or enable them to get out and about or pursue a leisure interest for example • To complete a visit sheet after each visit and to participate in regular supervision with the Befriending Coordinator • To liaise, at times, with organisation name staff or other agencies as appropriate • To uphold organisation name core principles, vision, culture and values and abide by the policies and procedures as per the volunteer handbook
Qualities and Skills required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be reliable and have a genuine interest in the desire to make a difference in the lives of people of people who are LGBT+ • Good communication skills • Patience and a warm and friendly attitude
Training and support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will be required to attend the Befriending Induction training and participate in further training and/or networking events which may be offered. • Ongoing support and supervision will be given by the Befriending Coordinator either in person or via skype/telephone. • Regular reviews will take place and an opportunity given for peer support through networking events with other Befrienders • Regular newsletters, updates and news from the Befriending Service will be sent to you by email • Reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses such as mileage or public transport costs.

Any other Requirements	Due to the vulnerable nature of the individuals we support we will require two references and also a DBS check. Further details will be discussed with you during the recruitment process.
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