

Engaging and supporting disabled volunteers

One-day workshop 09.45 – 16.00

Aim of the Session:

To enable delegates to identify how their organisation can engage and include disabled volunteers.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this session, delegates will:

- be able to relate the context, concepts and terms of disability and volunteering to their own situation
- clarify the key barriers to engaging with disabled volunteers
- identify strategies to engage with disabled volunteers, applicable to their own situation
- feel confident in applying the principles of engaging with disabled volunteers in their own programme
- have made a number of key contacts for future support and be able to access further resources

This workshop will allow delegates to explore the different real or perceived barriers to inclusive volunteering faced by both disabled people and organisations. Delegates will also consider how to develop suitable systems and processes, and how to develop an inclusive organisational culture to engaging with disabled volunteers.

Outline agenda

09.45 – 10:00	Registration and coffee
10.00 – 10.35	Welcome, introductions & agreeing outcomes for the day
10.35 – 10.45	Disability and volunteering
11.15 – 11.30	Coffee
11.30 – 11.55	Engaging with and supporting disabled volunteers – summary of research
11.55 – 12.45	Engaging with and supporting disabled volunteers – group discussions
12.45 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 14.15	Engaging with and supporting disabled volunteers – presentations
14.15 – 14.45	Developing a 'business case' for engaging disabled volunteers
14.45 – 15.00	Coffee
15.00 – 15.30	Developing a 'business case' for engaging disabled volunteers – feedback
15.30 – 16.00	Review of objectives, summary and closing context