



## Volunteer Role Description

### T.E.D. Community Researcher

**Location:** This role is based in the East Lindsey area; however the exact location is flexible depending on the needs of both the project and the volunteer, and will depend on the volunteer's method of transport.

**Time Commitment:** Very flexible to meet the needs of the volunteer. Ideally 1-4 hours a month.

**Responsible to:** The local T.E.D. Area Coordinator.

**Purpose:** To help us measure the impact of T.E.D. and help us make sure T.E.D. makes a difference to the lives of local people in East Lindsey.

**What is T.E.D.:** Talk, Eat, Drink (T.E.D.) in East Lindsey is a six year, Big Lottery Funded project which aims to bring people together, make community and social activities more accessible for those over 50, and decrease loneliness and isolation across East Lindsey. For the first two years we will be working across Louth, Mablethorpe, Alford, Skegness and their surrounding areas before extending further across the county.

**What's involved:** Community Researchers help us measure the impact of T.E.D. This role is very varied and tasks range from speaking to people at T.E.D. events and encouraging them to share their experience of T.E.D. to conducting surveys and interviews with all the different kinds of people who benefit from T.E.D. such as local people, local businesses and community groups.

**Skills and experience:** No formal qualifications are required for this role as full training will be given. We are looking for someone who:

- Is sociable and likes to meet new people.
- Is comfortable speaking to lots of different kinds of people.
- Has an understanding of confidentiality.
- Is good at listening and encouraging others to share their experiences.
- Has an understanding of ethics and can represent T.E.D. in their local community in a positive way.
- Can abide by our confidentiality, equal opportunities and health and safety policy whilst volunteering with T.E.D.

## Our commitment to you:

- We will involve volunteers in the T.E.D. project at all levels, making sure that the views and experiences of our volunteers help us shape the project.
- We will provide full training, with the opportunity for volunteers to complete further training and build their knowledge, as appropriate for their role.
- We will provide a full induction and ongoing support through our Volunteer Coordinator, and our three local Area Coordinators.
- We will provide references for future employment and volunteering opportunities, providing you have volunteered with us for at least three months.
- We will cover various expenses incurred through volunteering with us.
- We will update our volunteers regularly about how their role has made a difference.
- We will enable and encourage volunteers to meet and socialise regularly.

**Volunteer benefits:** This is a fantastic opportunity to meet new people, make new friends, develop your skills and interests and make a genuine difference to the lives of older people. You will receive full training and on-going support from the T.E.D. team to enable you to carry out your role.

For more information or an informal chat about the role, please contact Rhiane Green on 01529 301970.