

Volunteers at Worth Connecting

We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help older people to get online. We are looking for people with basic computer skills such as the ability to use the internet, email, etc, and the confidence to pass on these skills.

This help can be flexible for a few hours a month or more regularly for group work.

Volunteers can help clients to connect to the internet and other online facilities, individually and at groups.

Volunteers will have to be DBS checked and will receive a full induction and training, with continuous support from the whole team.



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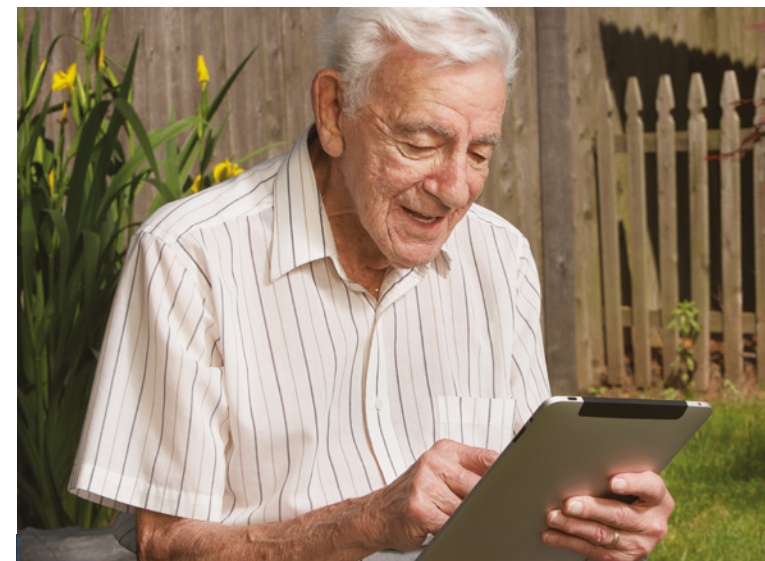
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Supporting older people to get **better connected** using IT, become **more independent**, **reduce loneliness** and **improve confidence** and **wellbeing**.



Who is Worth Connecting for?

Anyone aged over 55 living in the Bradford District, including Airedale and Wharfedale,

who would like to learn how to get online, communicate with their family, access services, do some shopping, book a holiday or Skype a friend.

"It's lovely being able to keep in touch with family. I can share photos and videos of the great-grandchildren on Facebook and I can also speak to them and see them on Skype."

Doreen Longden
Beneficiary from the pilot project

What is Worth Connecting?

Worth connecting will enable older people to:

- ▶ gain IT skills to link up with friends, relatives and services
- ▶ become confident in using email, internet, Skype, Facebook, Twitter etc.
- ▶ benefit from the companionship and experience of a Digital Champion in their own home on a 1:1 basis
- ▶ get out of the home to meet new people through group sessions in various localities across the district
- ▶ improve their wellbeing and independent living

All home-based clients will receive an initial assessment by a Development Worker, which will then be followed up with a maximum of six weeks support from a DBS-checked, trained and supervised volunteer. There will be tailored support for older people where English is not the first language, helping them to access the service.

There is no charge for the support and nothing is required to get started.

Tablets are available on short term loan. We will provide equipment to connect to the internet and a fixed amount of data.

"You are never too old to learn, I have now learnt how to search for information and receive emails."

