

COMMUNITY BUILDER WORKER SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

Background:

OWLS provides a range of preventative health activities for older people living in their own homes in Headingley, Burley, Hyde Park and parts of Kirkstall. Established in 2011, OWLS has its own identity but is part of Bramley Elderly Action (BEA), a registered charity which for 25 years has helped improve the lives of older people living in Bramley and other parts of West Leeds. The OWLS office is at HEART in Headingley. For more information about OWLS and BEA please visit our websites.

OWLS is looking to recruit a Community Builder to deliver, monitor, evaluate and develop this project. The post is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund until the end of June 2021. The post will require someone with a flexible open mind and with the relevant skills / attributes / aptitude and experience of delivering and developing projects in the third sector. A job description and person specification is available at <http://bramleyea.org.uk/join-bea/job-vacancies/> CV's not accepted.

The closing date for applications is 5pm, Monday 20th May. Please submit an application form evidencing how you meet the requirements of the post by email to: hrbramleyea@gmail.com (cc) lee.owls@gmail.com Interviews will be held on Friday 24th May. Times and arrangements for the interview format will be advised as soon as possible after closing date, but candidates should expect to undertake an engagement exercise with older people in a public setting.

The Project

We have seen how helping others can lead to helping yourself. We would like to use this project to 'sell' this approach to isolated / lonely elders living in the Headingley, Burley, Hyde Park, Little Woodhouse and Kirkstall localities. The Community Builder will support elders to help their community by volunteering for or joining local organisations, including OWLS. In doing so, we plan for people to help themselves by increasing their companionship. The projects seeks to strengthen the community whilst reducing social isolation and loneliness amongst local older people.

The Community Builder (5 days a week) will work with local community organisations and members of the target group (frail and socially isolated elders) to produce and deliver individual action plans and to monitor and evaluate the project. We are very keen to 'test and learn' from the service and the post-holder will be expected to play a significant role in this. The Community Builder will undertake the necessary information gathering as well as recording, evaluation and reporting of the project. The Community Builder will spend at least 60% of their time out in the community including home visits. In line with person-centred support, the worker would ensure that the older person is fully involved in the process of designing and implementing an action plan. It is important that the post-holder is strong in all aspects of the post.

The project will be supported by the organisations Leadership Team (Services and Development Manager and CEO). The service will also receive support from OWLS's Operations Team (Team Leader, Outreach Worker, Activities Assistant, Volunteer Project Worker, Reception and Admin Worker) e.g. referrals and holiday cover. We are hoping that the post-holder will complement our team's knowledge and expertise by helping us to deliver, learn and develop.