**Dementia Community Engagement Worker**

**Responsible to**: Service Manager

**Hours:** Up to 37 Hours per week. Fixed term 6 months

**Location:** Onside offices

**Salary:** £21,500 Pro Rata

**Overall Purpose of Job:**

To work, post pandemic, with individuals living with dementia, their families and carers to build their confidence and reengage with community activities. Identifying opportunities to meet others, build support networks and reconnect with their local communities.

To work in collaboration with the Digital Access Worker to promote and improve social connectedness and wellbeing through the use of technology for people living with dementia, their families, and carers.

To work with partners, local businesses and community groups to ensure their services and activities are accessible for people living with dementia to include both face to face and online options.

**Key Elements of the Role:**

* To provide support for people living with dementia, their families and carers who are anxious about reconnecting with their communities, enabling them to gradually reintegrate into community activities.
* Be the first point of contact for families/carers with concerns post pandemic about the transition of their family member living with dementia to resume everyday activities.
* To work closely with the Digital Access Worker to identify individuals that may benefit from increased access to online support and digital options.
* To support the Digital Access worker to undertake digital needs assessments and where necessary action the needs identified.
* To identity and work with local businesses, community groups and organisations to make their services dementia friendly and encourage new innovations that will benefit people living with dementia.
* Engage with clients, carers, staff, and volunteers to understand and access assistive technology, to enhance quality of life, increase independence, improve confidence and self-esteem.

**Other Responsibilities**

* Contribute to the review and development of the project by attending regular meetings, sharing practice, and providing reports as requested.
* Maintain own professional development and ensure that relevant knowledge and skills are kept up to date
* Record review and report on work done with individuals to evidence the community engagement outcomes are achieved.
* Engage with partner organisations and key agencies to facilitate the reengagement of people living with dementia in their local communities and improve the scope and accessibility of activities
* Promote the project widely including engagement with local media and social networking platforms.
* Work with the Onside volunteer team to facilitate the involvement of volunteers in supporting the reengagement of people living with dementia in their local communities
* Ensure that feedback from stakeholders is obtained through robust feedback mechanisms and that this is actively applied to improving the project.
* Identify any additional training requirements to support the smooth running of the project

While the job description provides the main duties and responsibilities for the position, it is not limited to and as such employees are expected to carry out any additional duties pursuant with their skills and abilities. The above may be subject to change and alteration from time to time with the prior agreement of the job holder.

**In addition, all Onside employees are expected to:**

* Work within the organisation’s stated principles and values, adhering at all times to the organisational policies, procedures and guidelines
* Demonstrate a commitment to equal opportunities, social inclusion and individual empowerment
* Show a commitment to personal, professional and organisational development.
* Contribute to organisational promotional and networking activities.
* Work flexibly and co-operatively with colleagues to support the needs of the organisation.
* Take responsibility for safeguarding appropriate to your role and raise any potential concerns with the Onside Safeguarding and Professional Guidance Lead.

**Onside People:**

* are **passionate** about what they do
* **value difference**
* are **creative** in their approach
* are committed to **fairness and justice**

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