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**The Age Better in Sheffield Programme are currently recruiting for an Associate to join the team.**

### **Who we are?**

Age Better in Sheffield (ABiS) is a partnership of charities, groups and individuals working with people aged 50 and over. Age Better works to make Sheffield a city we can all be proud to grow older in. It's our mission to support individuals to develop positive and meaningful connections with others. The programme is funded by the National Lottery and aims to reduce loneliness and isolation by trialing different types of activities.

As part of the evaluation we are delivering a longitudinal study to gain an in-depth account of individuals' experience with projects in the Age Better in Sheffield programme. We are looking for an Associate to lead this work and support and work alongside our volunteer Story Catchers, with support from the wider Age Better in Sheffield team, delivery partners and ongoing advice from Age Better in Sheffield Core Partners.

### **You will have the following responsibilities:**

- Provide research guidance to the Story Catchers to conduct high quality research (for example, help them to set the questions to ask participants)
- Design, co-ordination, management and delivery of research tasks and outputs in line with agreed objectives for the Age Better team.
- Contributing to the delivery of interviews with ABiS participants
- Analysis, synthesis and writing up of research findings.
- Pro-active and responsive liaison with colleagues and partners (including Age Better in Sheffield Core Partners).
- Identification of what works and what doesn't work, including promising approaches and best practice that may be replicated or scaled, and innovation opportunities.
- Drafting of interim and final project research reports, and revising in light of feedback and peer review.
- Active, timely, accurate and audience-appropriate communication of research findings.

**With the following knowledge and skills:**

- Qualitative research methods: participatory research, action research, textual analysis, qualitative data collection and analysis, literature review and synthesis.
- Analytical with excellent attention to detail, whilst not losing sight of practical purpose and the bigger picture
- Excellent writing skills - copywriting and report writing
- Excellent oral and written communications skills
- Ability to effectively work under tight deadlines and manage projects independently
- Ability to work collaboratively and within an agile framework
- Resourcefulness in solving problems
- Strong project management
- Numerate to a good level

**Timescale:** We are looking for someone to join us mid-April 2019 and work on the study until the end of January 2020. We have allocated 66 days to deliver this work.

**Location:** The Age Better in Sheffield core team is based at South Yorkshire Housing Association Head Offices; Wellington Street, Sheffield. There will also be some travel to ABiS host sites (within Sheffield) to conduct the interviews. Home working and flexible hours are available.

**Payment:** £120 per day

**Deadline:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019

If you are interested in this role and want to help tackle loneliness and isolation within the city then we would love to hear from you!

Please get in touch and tell us more about yourself and why you are interested in the role.

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