

# Opening doors to volunteering

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## Engaging and supporting disabled volunteers

**One-day workshop 09.45 – 16.00**

### **Aim of the Session:**

To enable delegates to identify how their organisation can engage and include disabled volunteers.

### **Learning Objectives**

By the end of this session, delegates will:

- be able to relate the context, concepts and terms of disability and volunteering to their own situation
- clarify the key barriers to engaging with disabled volunteers
- identify strategies to engage with disabled volunteers, applicable to their own situation
- feel confident in applying the principles of engaging with disabled volunteers in their own programme
- have made a number of key contacts for future support and be able to access further resources

This workshop will allow delegates to explore the different real or perceived barriers to inclusive volunteering faced by both disabled people and organisations. Delegates will also consider how to develop suitable systems and processes, and how to develop an inclusive organisational culture to engaging with disabled volunteers.

### **Outline agenda**

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| 09.45 – 10:00 | Registration and coffee  |
| 10.00 – 10.25 | Welcome, introductions & agreeing outcomes for the day           |
| 10.25 – 10.45 | Disability and volunteering – summary of research                |
| 10.45 – 11.15 | Current good practice and identification of priority areas       |
| 11.15 – 11.30 | Coffee   |
| 11.30 – 12.45 | Discussion of current initiatives/work-streams                   |
| 12.45 – 13.30 | Lunch  |
| 13.30 – 14.45 | Discussion of barriers faced and strategies for overcoming these |
| 14.45 – 15.00 | Coffee   |
| 15.00 – 15.40 | Development of action plans and feedback                         |
| 15.40 – 16.00 | Summary and closing context                                      |