

# Opening doors to volunteering

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## Equalities and volunteering

**One-day workshop 09.45 – 16.00**

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

To enable delegates to diversify their volunteer base by developing effective recruitment and retention strategies based on an effective equalities framework.

### **Learning Objectives**

By the end of this session, delegates will:

- understand and explain key terms and concepts related to equalities and volunteering
- Identify what barriers may exist to developing a positive equalities/diversity climate
- identify appropriate strategies to overcome these barriers
- feel confident in developing a positive equalities/diversity climate
- have made a number of key contacts for future support and networking

### **Session summary**

This workshop will provide the opportunity to identify the need for reaching out to diverse communities. This workshop will explore the principles of equalities and the different barriers (real or perceived) to inclusive volunteering. It will also allow participants to explore possible solutions in order to engage with people from diverse communities to benefit their own volunteering programme(s).

### **Outline agenda**

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- 09.45 – 10:00 Registration and coffee
- 10.00 – 10.20 Welcome, introductions & agreeing outcomes for the day
- 10.20 – 10.50 Perceptions of equalities and diversity and volunteering
- 10.50 – 11.15 Recent developments and current agendas
- 11.15 – 11.30 Coffee
- 11.30 – 12.45 Barriers/challenges to developing a positive equalities/diversity climate
- 12.45 – 13.45 Lunch
- 13.45 – 15.00 Strategies and approaches developing a positive equalities/diversity climate
- 15.00 – 15.15 Coffee
- 15.15 – 15.45 Supporting resources, materials and practical tools for developing equalities/diversity

15.45 – 16.00 Summary and closing context