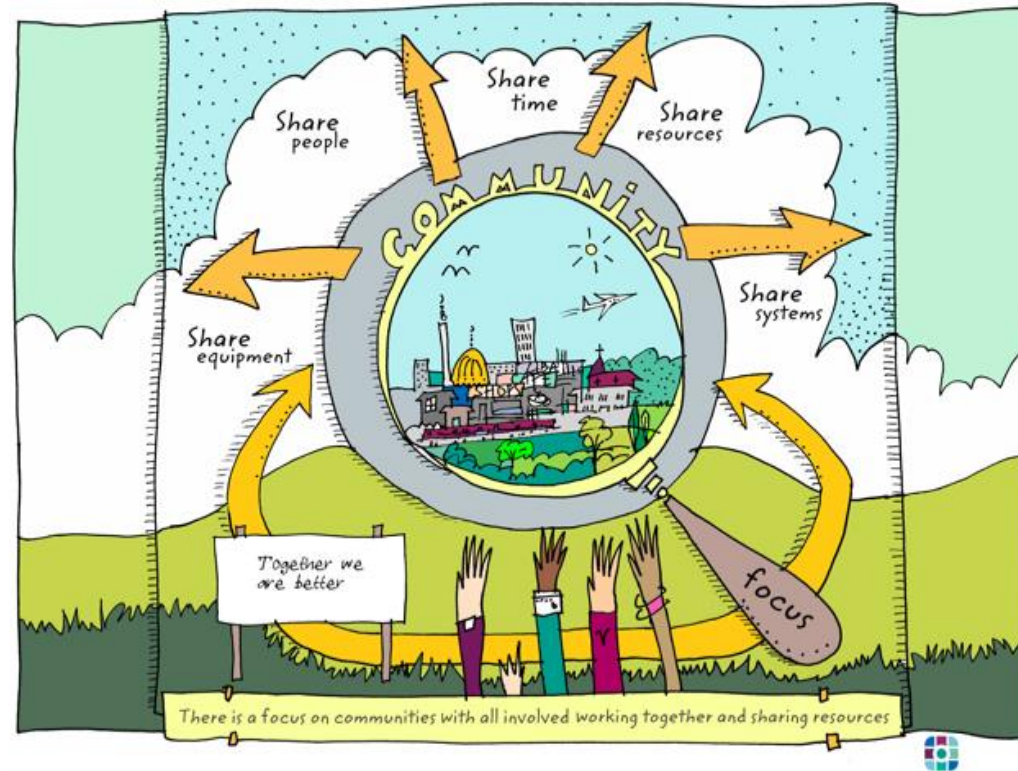


Bradford Buddy Scheme



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Strategic thinking

Our vision is for people to live an ordinary life and an important part of that is having chances to:

- Be supported to stay healthy and well
- Be valued and have the respect of others
- Be part of communities that are important to people
- Be connected to where they live and where activities take place
- Be supported to achieve their goals
- Be in the company of friends
- Enjoy new things and become more confident
- Be more independent, learn new skills and get out and about



What we have now

Gig Buddies:

Matches people who have a learning disability or are neurodiverse with a volunteer who loves the same kind of activity so they can go together

Older People's Wellbeing Service:

Older people are supported to get involved in activities and set up their own groups and formal and informal networks



What we are planning for the future

The Bradford Buddy Scheme will be a project supporting people across the diverse communities of Bradford:

- People with a learning disability or those who are neuro-diverse
- People with physical disabilities and/or sensory impairment
- Older people
- People living with dementia.



Service Description

- Service would be available across Bradford district
- Open to all over 16's referred by social workers
- Open to people who are Bradford residents
- Contract will be 3 years plus 2 options to extend
- Will be divided into 4 lots:
 - Lot 1 - People with a learning disability or those who are neuro-diverse
 - Lot 2 - People with physical disabilities and/or sensory impairment
 - Lot 3 - Older people
 - Lot 4 - People living with dementia
- Indicative value of each lot is £42k
- Indicative figure for people supported is 85 – 100 people per lot per year
- Will be an open procurement process



Service Model – Volunteers

- Purchase the Gig Buddies franchise in Bradford district
- Promote the project and recruit volunteers through local events
- Recruit volunteers who are able to commit to meeting up and attending an event once a month
- Undertake DBS checks on all volunteers
- Support volunteers on an ongoing basis including training and six monthly supervision
- Ensure when volunteers are matched with their buddy they are made aware of any specific support needs, where appropriate
- Ensure volunteers are aware they need to commit to one activity a month and also to meet their buddy for a catch up to plan the next event



Service Model – Buddies

- Interview all buddies and volunteers so you can get to know them, and find out how they enjoy spending their time
- Introduce Buddies and Volunteers
- Run regular social meet-ups so buddies can meet each other and share experiences
- Work with social work teams to identify people who may wish to participate as Buddies and be paired with a volunteer



Service Model – Pairing Buddies together

- Understanding peoples interests and activities they would like to get involved in
- Set activities with Buddies, to combat loneliness and support people to develop their own friendship groups
- Support Buddies to set up their own groups to socialise



Service Model – working with organisations to be Buddy friendly

- Promote the Bradford Buddy scheme to other partners in the local arts and culture sector, hospitality, sports venues etc.
- Work with local organisations to be Buddy friendly
- Create visual logos/signage which can be displayed at local venues
- Work with other volunteering organisations collaboratively

Tender Ready Tips

- **Read the Specification.** There may be differences in the services specified, to the services you currently provide here in Bradford or elsewhere
- If the Specification is unclear, or you spot an error, raise a **clarification** through YORtender
- **Review** the Terms & Conditions.
- **Understand the supplementary information.** Ask any questions through Yortender.
- If you need **legal or other external advice**, you will need to obtain this before you submit your bid



Tender Ready Tips

- **Word Count:** - Please stay within the Word Count for each question. Words over the limit will be disregarded
- **Avoid Generic Responses:** - Direct answers to the questions, relating to services in Bradford. If you've got local knowledge, make sure it shows! Avoid marketing material. Don't assume prior knowledge
- **Check your bid before submission:** Ask someone else to check it if you can
- **Submit your bid on time:** You can submit at any time up to the deadline, but the portal will not allow you to submit afterwards.



Next Steps: Indicative timeline

Publish tender	Mid May 2022
Evaluation	July 2022
Implementation start date	August 2022
Contract start date	November 2022