



# Social Connections

## Volunteering Opportunities

Social Connections is a programme of activities whereby employee-volunteers can contribute to the wellbeing of older people in York. By supporting older people, employee-volunteers can have a positive impact on people's lives at a time when vulnerability and isolation can be high.



### Donate your devices

Along with a number of other partners, York Cares is supporting the City of York Council and York Community Furniture Store with the York IT Reuse scheme to give more people digital access. If you have any unwanted IT devices, please think about donating them to the scheme. All equipment should be in working order. Devices will be fully wiped and all data removed before being set up for the needs of the new user. Devices can be dropped off at the following locations:

York Community Furniture Store, Unit 29, The Raylor Centre, James Street, York, YO10 3DW:  
Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm

Clements Hall, Nunthorpe Road, York, YO23 1BW: Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm

Haxby Memorial Hall Office, 16 The Village, Haxby, York, YO32 3HT: Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm

Foxwood Community Centre, Cranfield Place, York, YO24 3HY: Wednesday, 1pm - 2.30pm and Friday, 9.30am - 11am

### Tea and Technology

York Cares is working with a variety of community partners across the city to support older people to access technology. We are looking for employee-volunteers who have a good level of knowledge of a variety of devices and applications and are confident to deliver over the phone technology support to older people to enable them to use their devices and get online to stay connected to family and friends, as well as learn how to access services online, including shopping and ordering prescriptions.



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### Future Chair of Trustees (initial recruitment as Vice Chair)

Older Citizens Advocacy York (OCAV) is looking for a future Chair, initially recruited as Vice Chair, to join the active, committed existing core of Board members. Following a suitable and successful period as Vice Chair, the aim will be for the recruit to transition to becoming Chair of Trustees. OCAV is looking for someone who is passionate about supporting older people in York and has the skills to take on this significant leadership role in the charity. OCAV is proud of the work they do to support older people in our community in making their voices heard about their needs and in pursuit of their rights.

### Fundraising

Community Bees York provide a lifeline of activities and support for York's lonely, isolated and marginalised people. Community Bees is looking for volunteers with experience in writing fundraising bids to provide support and advice to the organisation when applying for external funding.

### RSPCA

The RSPCA is looking for support with two separate projects:

- The organisation is working on a new strategic plan and would like some support from an individual who has experience of turning strategy into an operational plan.
- Their site is currently in need of some redevelopment, so they are also looking for a volunteer with experience in construction who would be able to support the organisation identify what should be refurbished first and how to get the ball rolling.



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### Treasurer Opportunity

The Big Futures Foundation is an organisation that works with children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, aiming to close the academic attainment gap. They are currently looking for a new Treasurer to join their Board of Trustees. The role would require the applicant to attend trustee meetings once every two months, as well as oversee the organisation's finances.

### Treasurer Opportunity

The York Racial Equality Network is an organisation working to provide a range of services to benefit York's Minority Ethnic population. They provide support, advice and information on issues affecting the Minority Ethnic community. They are currently looking for a Chair to lead the organisation and ensure that the charity is effective for its beneficiaries. The Chair will lead on strategic decision making to further develop the charity and ensure that its long term vision will support the people of York.



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