

## NEFA Connector Description

**TITLE:** NEFA Connector

### SUMMARY: Our Strategic Objectives are to;

- \* To ensure older peoples voices are heard at local regional and national levels
- \* To promote a positive image of older people in society
- \* To increase the confidence and knowledge of partner organisations
- \* To build stronger networks across the region
- \* To inform and educate older people cross the region
- \* To support older people to fulfil their potential and to live healthy and happy lives by supporting their partnership organisations
- \* To help identify areas of concern that may be taken forward for research
- \* Ability to establish and cultivate relationships with community-based agencies in an effort to expand the NEFA network

### Connectors will work at a local level to;

- Promote a positive image of older people
- Report issues on behalf of their Partners with regards to their clients so that the voices of older people may be taken forward
- Identify new volunteers to further this valuable work wherever possible

### IMPACT:

Connectors are representatives from Partner organisations that work in their local area to facilitate group discussions aiming to obtain the views and opinions of older people on a wide range of topics (it is anticipated that groups will already be in existence).

Connectors enable us to strengthen links with their partner organisation and help to ensure that the elderly population are heard.

### TRAINING AND SUPPORT:

Connectors will have access to all of NEFA and other Partners' advice and expertise in order to adequately relay information, if they deem this valuable.

They will receive initial training to enable them to feel confident in the job should they feel this is required.

Quarterly update meetings will also be arranged in order to provide connectors with up-to-date information and shared experiences for those Connectors who wish to partake.

## QUALITIES of a Connector:

- Comfortable speaking to groups and individuals
- Proactive and passionate about the mission of both NEFA
- Demonstrated reliability and professionalism
- Basic computer skills, including social media and the ability to respond to emails
- Strong interpersonal communication skills
- Some knowledge and or experience of services and support available for older people
- Strong knowledge of the Partners' work, aims and ideals

## COMMITMENT REQUIRED:

A minimum one-year commitment to the programme.

Specific time commitments for each Connector will vary but NEFA ask the following basic commitment;

- \* Attendance of any important and scheduled Zoom calls
- \* Help to promote NEFA upon participation in community engagements
- \* Quarterly email reports to be sent to the Co-ordinator detailing updates about the conversations and work that the partner feels need to be recognised by NEFA
- \* Report to the Co-ordinator any issues or improvements that the Partnership would benefit from

## Additional Information

Gender/Age restrictions	NONE
Hours:	As agreed with the Volunteer Co-ordinator and Chair
Induction Training:	YES
Expenses:	YES, if transport or mileage is required
Disabled access:	YES (working from home) but the building that NEFA occasionally work from is fully adapted
Equal opportunities policy:	YES
Insurance cover:	YES