



FAQs for RADIAL CONVERSATION PARTICIPANTS

Where did the Radial Conversation come from?

For the last few years, WDCVS has been working to help raise awareness of loneliness and isolation. Just prior to the Covid pandemic, we developed our Radial Conversation sessions, to help us learn the effect of isolation at community level. We know all communities are different – different types of housing, different household sizes and structures and different services – and we want to make sure our help can be targeted to what can make a difference.

What's involved?

Radial conversations have three parts. Firstly, we share out a local survey to get the views of local people about loneliness and isolation. This survey is published on social media, on our website and can also be emailed to organisations and interested individuals. We can also make printed copies available. Secondly, we hold the local conversation, with up to 15 local participants. At the moment these conversations will be largely on-line but we hope we will be able to move back to face-to-face in due course. Thirdly, we review all of the feedback and look to draw up an action plan to help reduce loneliness in the area.

Why should my organisation or myself get involved?

We know that the people who directly live and work in our communities know them best. You know what services exist...and how well they work. You know what gaps there are and you may have ideas on how we can fill them. You may know people in your area, or your street who may need to know more about what's out there to help. Or you may want to volunteer or have an idea for something new that could be done. We're here to help, make connections for you and support any new developments we can.

What benefit will come from being involved?

You will be helping do something really practical to help reduce loneliness and isolation in your community – every idea and input matters.