



FAQs for RADIAL CONVERSATION PARTNERS

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 are you asking my organisation to get involved?

We believe that community councils, churches, and Tenants and Residents Associations are key parts of the local community. Working in partnership with you, we believe we can reach deeper into the community and engage more people in the conversation. We would also like to make sure that you are involved to any new ventures that may be identified.

What do you expect from us?

That's really up to you. We know all organisations are busy and different partners will be able to give different things. The kind of things we would like you to think about helping us with is sharing information, suggesting possible participants up to co-facilitating the conversations with us. We will meet all costs of the conversations.

What benefit will come from being involved?

You will be helping do something practical to reduce loneliness and isolation in your community, and raising your profile at the same time.