



**Travel
Connections**
From B to A the friendly way

**Travel Connections Project Development Officer
Leeds Older People's Forum**

Salary: (SCP 30) currently £34,373 (pro rata)

Fixed term contract ending on 31 May 2023

35 Hours per week (Option to work 30 hours per week over 4 days, and secondment or job share requests will be considered)

Location: Varied (a mixture of working from home, working from the LOPF office (LS3 1AB) and attending meetings across Leeds)

Closing date: 4pm Wednesday 6th July 2022

Programme Overview

Leeds Older People's Forum (LOPF) is leading Travel Connections. The aim is to explore how the vast network of existing transport resources in Leeds can be better used to reduce loneliness for older people. This one year, 'test and learn' programme has been awarded a grant through the Department for Transport's 'Tackling Loneliness with Transport' fund.

The Travel Connections programme incorporates 12 separate projects, seven of which are led by third sector partners. One project has yet to be commissioned and four projects are led by LOPF.

Travel Connections will run until 31 May 2023.

More about Leeds Older People's Forum

Leeds Older People's Forum (LOPF) exists to promote the wellbeing of older people. We're a network of 90+ third sector organisations working to ensure older people have the opportunities, freedom and support to live the life they want.

LOPF has equality and diversity at its heart and a real focus on co-production. The Travel Connections programme works with older people (aged 50+) including older carers, men, people experiencing frailty and diverse communities. We expect the programme to work with 600 older people in total.

Through our diverse membership and work with older people, LOPF understands the issues and knows how integral effective transport is to older people engaging with their communities, family and friends. As lead partner, LOPF uses the 'test and learn'

ethos that we used so successfully in Time to Shine, a previous large-scale programme. Key to this is creating a 'programme approach': all projects share a common goal and the programme becomes greater than the sum of its parts.

What's involved?

We're looking for an experienced project development officer to lead and develop three projects in the Travel Connections programme:

1. **Age and Dementia Friendly Taxi services:** Supporting local taxi firms to understand the business impact of providing accessible taxi services and encouraging sign up to this city-wide scheme.
2. **Cycle with Confidence:** Working with a variety of established partners to arrange social cycling proficiency sessions in East Leeds, cycle maintenance courses and guided social bike rides.
3. **Let's Talk Transport:** Bringing together older people, Leeds Neighbourhood Network Schemes and transport representatives to talk about transport issues and review existing provision.

The purpose of the post is to lead and develop three of the projects in the Travel Connections programme, working closely with partners and stakeholders, and reporting on the progress and impact of each project's interventions. This role will build on a substantial amount of project planning and implementation work which has already taken place. Third sector delivery partners, stakeholders, the Age Friendly Steering Group and LOPF staff and Trustees, amongst others, have worked together since January 2022 to develop and establish the programme.

Skills and experience

As LOPF's Travel Connections Project Development Officer you will be well-organised and efficient, with excellent communication skills. You'll be experienced in partnership development and understand the issues affecting older people experiencing, or at risk of, loneliness and social isolation.

How to apply: The application pack can be downloaded from www.opforum.org.uk/get-involved/work-with-us/

Please complete and return by the deadline.

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Interviews: w/c 18th July 2022