



Research Engagement Volunteer

About us:

Inclusion Gloucestershire is a respected user-led disabled people's organisation and registered charity, run by disabled people for disabled people.

Summary of the Role

We are looking for volunteers with lived experience of disability to help the research team. The role will involve working on Inclusion Gloucestershire's bi-annual survey called the 'Big Survey 2026'. A survey that aims to find out the main areas that are important or are causing unhappiness for disabled people in Gloucestershire.

Role Purpose

To assist the Research Coordinator with participant engagement and recruitment, and study promotion across the county.

Volunteering commitment:

Role Title: Research Engagement Volunteer

Reports to: Research Coordinator

Time commitment: For this role we ask for a minimum commitment of 3 hours per week from **the start of July to the end of October 2026**

Locations: At Inclusion Gloucestershire's office (Railway House) and remote (working from home) with travel around Gloucestershire. Travel costs will be reimbursed.

Main Tasks:

The main tasks of the Research Engagement Volunteer include, but are not limited to, the following:

Participant Engagement:

- a) With the Research Coordinator and/or on your own, engage with new and existing participants in person and online to build connections and trusted relationships in order to widen participation in the Big Survey. This will include people with lived experience of disability and those with other protected characteristics such as being LGBTQ+, those from communities minoritised by ethnicity and others.

- b) Along with the Research Coordinator attend meetings in person and/or online to promote the survey
- c) Promote the benefits of research engagement and impact to participants.

Data Collection:

- a) Visit settings that potential participants attend to provide support to those who need it to complete the survey.
- b) Under guidance of the Research Coordinator ensure that consent, data protection and other ethical processes are followed in the collection of data.
- c) Adapt your communication and take a flexible approach so that the support you provide and any research methods are accessible to disabled people.
- d) Maintain participant confidentiality.
- e) Along with the Research Coordinator, conduct additional research if required such as focus groups or interviews with disabled people either online or in person.
- f) Take a positive and friendly approach to build a rapport with participants.

What we are looking for:

- Good organisational skills
- Commitment to work for the duration of the project.
- An understanding of research methods
- Strong and positive networking skills
- Comfortable presenting at meetings online and in person
- Strong commitment to the principles of user-led organisations.
- To be a patient person who aims to make a difference.
- An understanding of the issues affecting disabled people
- Passionate about using research as a tool for social change
- Ability to travel across the county
- Familiar and confident with the use of social media in a business context
- Reliable, trustworthy and able to handle confidential information
- Good communication skills, ability to easily build rapport with people and to communicate confidently with a range of people from different backgrounds.
- Experience of supporting or working with people facing a range of disabling barriers

What we can offer you:

- Mandatory training in:
 - Health and Safety
 - GDPR
 - Safeguarding
- There are also opportunities to become involved in the wider work of Inclusion Gloucestershire.

Please let us know if there are any reasonable adjustments you would like us to consider. These will be considered in line with Inclusion Gloucestershire's reasonable adjustments policy.

Please note this volunteer role requires an Enhanced DBS check.

Next steps:

If you are interested, please complete our application form or email:

volunteering@inclusion-glos.org