



## Community Alliance

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# Volunteer Role Description

## DIGITAL CHAMPION

<b>Name of project</b>	Staying Connected (Hertfordshire-wide project)
<b>Role title</b>	Digital Champion
<b>Organisation</b>	Community Alliance Broxbourne and East Herts, Nigel Copping Community Building, 88 Sanville Gardens, Stanstead Abbots, Hertfordshire, SG12 8GA
<b>Contacts</b>	Staying Connected Manager: Susan Lankester <a href="mailto:susan@communityalliancebeh.org.uk">susan@communityalliancebeh.org.uk</a> Community Alliance Volunteer Coordinator: Sarah Coles <a href="mailto:sarahc@communityalliancebeh.org.uk">sarahc@communityalliancebeh.org.uk</a> or phone the Community Alliance office: 0300 123 1034
<b>Why volunteer with Community Alliance?</b>	Community Alliance is the essential link to empowering our community groups, building local partnerships and improving residents' lives. We provide a diverse range of services to develop, enhance and empower voluntary and community groups to effectively serve their communities, including projects like Staying Connected. Volunteering is a great way of supporting these worthwhile causes. You will gain valuable skills, meet new people and make a noticeable difference to clients' lives.
<b>Who benefits?</b>	As part of our County-wide Staying Connected Project, we are looking for Digital Champions. A Digital Champion is someone who supports clients to enjoy all the benefits that basic digital skills can bring. The focus of this project is to help those that are most excluded from support services and social circles resulting from a lack of digital ability. Our Digital Champions work with a wide range of people and by becoming a Digital Champion, you will discover great ways of making a positive contribution in our communities.
<b>Purpose</b>	To support people who want to develop their IT skills, to gain confidence using digital technology (computers, tablets and smartphones) and the internet.
<b>Skills, experience and qualities needed</b>	You don't need to be an IT whizz to become a Digital Champion, you just need confidence, enthusiasm and a bit of spare time to help people realise the benefits of using digital technology.  As a Digital Champion, you'll need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the ability to confidently use a range of digital technologies such as laptops, smart phones and tablets</li></ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the ability to perform various tasks including searching the Internet, writing and sending emails and using social media, e.g. Facebook, Twitter, YouTube</li><li>• the ability to share these skills with others, helping them to learn at their own pace</li><li>• You'll also need a satisfactory DBS certificate, the cost of this will be covered by Community Alliance</li></ul> <p>We are looking for people who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• are good listeners with excellent communication skills and the ability to explain things in simple terms</li><li>• can be sensitive to people's interests and motivations for learning</li><li>• will be approachable with an ability to empathise with diverse groups</li><li>• are reliable and well-organised</li><li>• have a good sense of humour</li><li>• can gain a good knowledge of the organisation they are volunteering for</li><li>• can work effectively and supportively as a member of the Community Alliance team</li><li>• are willing to maintain confidentiality on all Community Alliance matters – they must not discuss clients or other volunteers while volunteering for Community Alliance or after</li><li>• are non-judgmental</li><li>• can identify and raise safeguarding concerns they may be presented with during their work</li><li>• have good interpersonal skills</li><li>• have a flexible approach and are willing to work as part of a team</li><li>• can work independently, asking for clarification when needed</li></ul> <p>We encourage applications for this role from people of all backgrounds. We would love to have interest from ethnically diverse communities and those with lived experience of disability</p>
<b>When?</b>	Various monthly groups across East Herts, usually Mondays, 10:30-12:00, Wednesdays 14:30-16:00, Fridays 10:30-12:00. All dates can be found on our <a href="#">website</a>
<b>Where?</b>	The Staying Connected project takes place in several settings. Currently we are seeking volunteers who help us deliver sessions in Stanstead Abbots, Bishop's Stortford Hertford, Ware, Sawbridgeworth and Buntingford.
<b>Support offered</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Full training and support will be given</li></ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A named staff member will be assigned to manage and support you during your volunteering</li><li>• You will be given the opportunity for regular check-ins with this key contact who will look after any needs you have, keeping track of your own progress, skill development and goals</li><li>• All volunteers will be given a full induction when starting their volunteering</li><li>• Expenses will be covered according to our volunteer agreement</li></ul>
<b>What could volunteers get out of it?</b>	<p>This is a rewarding role for volunteers who enjoy meeting new people and providing valuable support within the community. Community Alliance can provide a reference after a minimum of three months of volunteering which can improve your career prospects. We want to ensure that anyone volunteering with Community Alliance finds their role rewarding and we strive to provide an enjoyable volunteering experience. We have been awarded the <a href="#">Investing in Volunteers</a> quality standard for Volunteer management.</p>
<b>Other information</b>	<p>Further information on: <a href="https://www.digitalchampionsnetwork.com/content/learn-share-change-lives">https://www.digitalchampionsnetwork.com/content/learn-share-change-lives</a> Follow us on twitter: @communityABEH or find us on facebook</p>