



# Expression Of Interest (EOI) Research and Project Form

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Below is the initial “what, why, who and how” for the research or pilot projects. It informs the detail for the Collaborative Partner’s Consideration.

Project Name	Project Engage	Purpose	
<b>Funding request amount</b>	<p>£10,400* ringfenced for this project within the Forest of Dean Dementia Action Alliance (funding secured from Barnwood Trust during covid)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipment purchased to date now with FVAF</li> <li>• *£5400 balance of equipment funding/ £5,000 broadband. BT happy for the whole budget to be reprofiled/used as needed.</li> </ul> <p>Rather than be a stand alone project within the FODDAA the recommendation is to bring this project under the umbrella of the wider Digital Inclusion work, specifically working with the community builders via hubs and community events.</p> <p>£10,400 to be re-profiled. Its unclear at the moment how this project is going to develop. The purpose of this EOI is to request that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is an identified research project within the umbrella of the Digital Inclusion work.</li> <li>• That additional funding be ringfenced should/when it is needed</li> </ul> <p>Potential for the FODDAA funding to be transferred into the main fund if partners would prefer this to happen.</p> <p><b>Asking for another £5K be ringfenced for capacity to enable a marketing campaign to be developed and to mitigate any risk of additional training needed</b></p> <p>The previous “task group” which involved a Dementia Friendly Community Enabler who was in post at that time put together a paperwork process so that in lending equipment there was an understanding of peoples</p>		<p>To reduce loneliness and isolation for older/vulnerable/frail people by enabling them to get online.</p> <p>To case study different technology options which support vulnerable/frail people (with particular reference to those with a mild cognitive impairment but not exclusively) to stay connected.</p> <p>To pilot the development of a “try before you buy” system for vulnerable/frail people via community builders.</p>

	<p>needs/wants/aspirations, an awareness if people could afford and would purchase after loan of if funding needed to be sought via organisation ie like Barnwood individual grants. This was paperwork heavy so the research part needs to identify if this paperwork/process is still right. Previously we wer trying to connect to family member and recruit volunteers but not all family members have confidence/abilities and sometimes the vulnerable may have a need but don't take on board things from siblings. This research phase would seek to build capacity of community builders and has the potential to still recruit volunteers in community. previously we had people identified who needed to get online but had no wifi so we secured the additional money so we could respond to this. All paperwork is with FVAF.</p> <p>The community builders have huge remits with limited funding and capacity, as do partners. To establish stronger foundations we need to resource peoples time to develop this work and have funding for equipment.</p>		
<b>Links</b>	<p>Covid project steering group included Forest Sensory Services, Artspace, WEA (Adult Learning Within Reach), Creative Education Projects, Wydean Wellbeing, Crossroads, 2RH , FODDC – officer and a Dementia Friendly Community Enabler – who coproduced a process (details now with Alex).</p>		

<b>What <i>is</i> included?</b>		<b>What is <i>not</i> included?</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some equipment already purchased and held with FVAF</li> <li>• £ to enable purchase or more equipment</li> <li>• £ to enable training of community builders – FAVF, FODDC, 2RH etc (Alexa echo technology in the first instance) &amp; capacity of teams to develop</li> </ul>		
<b>Assumptions</b>	<p>Synaptic were initially going to work with us more but have gone cold. Work with FSS to establish a solution for use of equipment purchased and potential next steps.</p> <p>Engagement via Community Builders therefore able to manage better</p>	<b>Managing Risks</b>	<p>Equipment loss or damage (one of the precursors was a recognition that when dealing with people with a cognitive disability there could be be a risk of loss or damage. Agreed that the funded project would absorb if needed.</p> <p>Project becomes too process driven (initial pilot put in a lot of paperwork as we were hoping to use more volunteers in the community but they didn't materialise. Need to have some process involved so will need to review/refresh but also need not to try to do too much all at the same time else it becomes overwhelming.</p>

			To have a more preventative model in place health needs to be more involved
<b>Project Team</b>	Lena Maller/Alex Digby/Andrew Embling Community Builders	<b>Our Key Stakeholders</b>	Adult Social Service/Reablement (in some cases) – OT's Social Housing Landlords, Parish and Town Councils, GP Surgeries, social prescribing

<b>Research/Project Key Actions</b>			
<b>Milestones/Key Actions</b> (NB – items dates and costs are a guide and subject to change as the project gets established)	<b>BY</b>	<b>Est. Date</b>	<b>Est. Cost</b>
Cost and Timeline Training for Community builders on Alexa/Eco show technology and others			
Review stock of equipment, identify potential gaps and ensure stock availability			
Review paperwork and process which is shared and owned within the network			
reconnect with Forest Sensory Services to establish if they would take a lead on this area and costs to develop working with their clients.			
Presentation to ILP to get engagement and identify mechanisms to get beneficiaries signposted			
KOMP – re connect to manufacturer and develop marketing to recruit someone to test – would be great if via a professional so we can evidence impact on services as well as the individual...			
Development and implementation of a marketing plan			

Programme of training workshops			
Case study development programme			
		<b>Total Estimated Costs</b>	<b>£5,000</b>