

New Service to Combat Loneliness across Worcestershire



Over 9 million people in the UK across all adult ages are either always or often lonely*

Onside are proud to announce the launch of a new service, People Like Us [PLUS], designed to combat loneliness and create connections between Worcestershire people and their communities.



People Like Us will be delivered by Onside and our delivery partners; Worcester Community Trust and Simply Limitless, whilst also being widely supported by a range of other local partner organisations.

Building on the fantastic work of Reconnections, the new service has been expanded to be available to people of all adult ages who may feel alone or isolated. Working with a team of trained local volunteers the PLUS service will provide people with one to one support to build confidence, develop social connections and become more active and engaged in their communities.

Social distancing should not mean losing social connection. While COVID 19 brings us particularly challenging times to launch a new service, issues of loneliness and isolation and the critical value of connections, has probably never been so evident. People Like Us [PLUS] working closely with local partners in health and care services, are adapting the service to provide telephone support and make use of other virtual technology to keep in touch with people who may be particularly effected by this crisis.

If you would like to find out more about the new service, make a referral or join our network of volunteers, then please call us on 01905 27525 or 07485312463, or email plus@onside-advocacy.org.uk



*As reported by British Red Cross and Co-op 'Trapped in a bubble' research project