**Volunteering Matters** is a national charity creating and supporting volunteer-led projects across the UK. In Brighton our projects focus on activities and support for older people across the city, with the aim of improving health and wellbeing, as well as combating loneliness and isolation.

Please complete and return this application form.

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| **Your Details** |
| Name |  |
| Address, including Post Code |  |
| Phone number, preferably mobile |  |
| Email |  |

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| **Which volunteer roles are you interested in?** | a |
| Activity Lead or Support - Hosting an activity of your own or supporting someone else's. |  |
| Tech Tutor - teaching someone to use technology |  |
| Befriender - speaking to someone on a weekly basis |  |
| Shopper - shopping for someone |  |
| HealthLink - supporting some to health appointments |  |
| Marketing - helping with our website and social media |  |
| Other – please describe |  |

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| Please tell us why you want to volunteer with us, and what abilities, skills or experiences you have that you feel would help you in this role? |
| *Please continue on the next page if you need more space.* |

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| **References** |
| We need the names and contact details for two referees who can support your application.Please give their full name and contact details, including a phone number - and either an email or postal address including a postcode. Also state if it's a personal or professional relationship. If professional, then also include their official title and the name of the organisation.You may use anyone who has known you for at least a year in a personal or professional capacity, but it should not a member of your family or someone you live with. |
| **Reference 1**Name, Contact Details and Relationship |  |
| **Reference 2**Name, Contact Details and Relationship |  |

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| **Support** |
| We welcome applications from all sections of the community. Please let us know of any particular kind of support you may need to enable you to carry out the volunteer role effectively, so we can make any necessary adjustments. |
| Do you consider yourself to have a disability? |  |
| Please give details of any support you feel you will need to be able to volunteer with us. |
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**Privacy Policy & Data Protection**

We have a Data Protection policy in place to ensure that we protect your personal data. The key parts of the policy are that:

* We only keep your data so we can contact you about your application and any volunteering you may do.
* Your data is only handled by our staff and approved volunteers.
* We will never give away or sell your data.
* You can ask us to delete your data at any time.

The full policy is available or on our website at <https://volunteeringmatters.org.uk/privacy-policy>

 **Important Information**

To comply with our legal obligations, we will need to see proof of your home address and right to work in the UK. This may be from a driving licence, passport, visa documents, utility bill or other suitable document. We will ask you to bring these in to show us before you can start volunteering.

Depending on your role, you may be required to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check as some of our roles involve working with vulnerable adults. We can accept an existing DBS certificate if it is for volunteering in a similar role with another trusted organisation. If that’s the case, we will ask you to bring the certificate in for verification.

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| We confirm that your information will only be used, in confidence, for the purpose of your application to become a Volunteering Matters volunteer. By submitting this application, you are confirming that the information you have given is true and accurate. |
| Your Signature |  | Today’s Date |  |

Please send this completed application form to lifelines@volunteeringmatters.org.uk

For more info or help completing this form,
send an email as above or call us on **01273 688 117**.