



## What is it?

'Good Conversations' is an introductory training session for volunteers whose role includes hosting conversations in settings such as community cafés, lunch clubs, food banks or community drop-in centres. The focus of the training is on empowering the volunteer to be confident in their role. The sessions of approximately 2 hours, are usually held on Zoom.

## Why is it needed?

Organisations who provide space for social interactions often hope the conversations that take place there are helpful and safe. Our 'Good Conversations' training helps to ensure this is the case.

*'Speech that heals is like a life-giving tree" - Proverbs 15:4*



## The training includes:

- ✓ Understanding guests' needs and how to approach them
- ✓ Keeping guests, volunteers and organisations safe
- ✓ How to open and maintain beneficial conversations
- ✓ Understanding boundaries
- ✓ Active listening skills
- ✓ Managing expectations and risks
- ✓ Knowing if-and-when to share their faith (where appropriate)



*"Thank you again for providing the Zoom training for our volunteers. We had our first café this week and it went really well. Lots of good comments from both the volunteers and the guests. You could see it was beneficial and appreciated even in the first week.*



*"This training will definitely be useful for people looking to run and volunteer at café style befriending/chat/listening events."*



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