



Black Country Take Part Pathfinder Buddying Scheme

What buddies can offer

Buddy A from Walsall can offer

50 years of getting into it and how I did that

Buddy B from Dudley can offer support to:

Develop an argument or business case
Participate with confidence in a partnership
Become an encouraging leader and motivating others
Make change happen in an organisation or partnership
Start and manage a project
Develop a positive culture in teams or organisations

Buddy C from Wolverhampton can offer knowledge of:

Local authority
Public involvement / participation
Running meetings
Minute taking
Some public speaking
Drawing up constitutions
Regeneration projects - site appraisals
Funding schemes - applying, returns, outputs
Working with the private sector
Working in partnership

Buddy D from Wolverhampton can offer:

To be friendly, approachable and supportive - I like people and I enjoy helping to empower people
A broad knowledge base of how to become involved and processes
A large network
I work with a number of groups
Facilitation skills
Good communicator

Buddy E from Wolverhampton can offer:

Facilitation skills
Public engagement
Governance - how the public sector works
Influencing skills

Policy, strategy, report writing
Partnership working
Process mapping and planning

Buddy F from Wolverhampton can offer:

Knowledge of statutory services - 20 years working for the council
Knowledge of overall workings of the council- adults and community
About to start a new job - as I learn, someone could learn with me
Running meetings
Qualified adult tutor
Mother returning to life after a baby
Listening and encouragement

Buddy G from Wolverhampton can offer:

General support and guidance
Help to communicate an idea, thought or desires
Support in developing constitutions
Pointers about how or where to acquire information
Practical demonstrations and advice
Ability to listen and be a sounding board for ideas
Feedback and comments
Personal experiences and acquired knowledge

Buddy H from Wolverhampton can offer

Her previous experience
Knowledge of the Take part programme (has completed the Learning Programme)
Confidence - happy to support with challenges
Enthusiasm
Able to turn individual weaknesses into strengths through my communication skills
Time!

Buddy I from Dudley can offer:

Running meetings - and minute taking
Good at following constitutions, Memorandum and Articles development from a practical point of view
Public speaking and presentations
Coaching skills- not mentoring or teaching about - but a 3rd way

Buddy J from Wolverhampton can offer:

Some time
Knowledge and experience
Inspiration
I will support and listen
Networks and signposting
Opportunities
Varied experiences in a variety of roles
Friendly and approachable and so much more

Buddy J from Dudley can offer

Insight into the 'police family' and partnership working
Community engagement programmes neighbourhood watch and other programmes
Nearly 40 years police service and share those experiences
'Book of life' experiences to share
Help
Signpost to partner groups etc

Buddy K from Dudley can offer

Knowledge and advice on developing user centred services
Knowledge and advice on developing systems and methods of recording and evidencing engagement
A listening ear/soundboard
Constructive advice and feedback
Knowledge of qualitative research and exploration of meaning
Knowledge of engagement and empowerment theory
Knowledge of technology and how to use it to help you
Systems thinking
How to develop systems, materials and process to support people
Knowledge and advice on evaluation
Advice on communication methods
Knowledge and advice on how councils work and operate

Buddy L from Dudley can offer

Knowledge around service providers - how they work, how to challenge, how to raise an issue
How to prepare a presentation - personal skills such as voice pitch/tone, how to prepare a PowerPoint presentation
Listening without judging
Encourage personal development
Celebrate success and achievement
Making connections put in touch with the right people who have the 'can do' attitude
Prepared to work outside given boundaries

Buddy M from Wolverhampton can offer

Knowledge about how Wolverhampton works
Experience of running and arranging community meetings
Confidence and assertion
Help with presentations
Experience of chairing meetings
Good networking skills
Experience of managing staff and projects

Buddy N from Dudley can offer:

I run/organise a public health care forum every 2 months and we have a subcommittee for the group (public) who sets the agenda
I help/advise/offer on setting up patient panels at GP surgeries looking at terms of reference and constitutions

I enable engagement and so give guidance on how to consult with the public, give feedback, statutory guidance etc
How to smile in the face of adversity!!

Buddy O from Dudley can offer:

I have knowledge and understanding of what it means to be open to influence and how to work in an empowering way. However I believe the thing I have to offer most is a “can do” attitude, enthusiasm and a positive solution focused way of thinking. I am not afraid to ask if I do not know something and have gained many contacts in various departments within the council and partnership organisations. I have experience of writing reports and delivering presentations so could act as a sounding board and offer practical advice in these situations.

Buddy P from Wolverhampton can offer:

I have recently been shadowed by someone from the Operation Black Vote Project and understand that individual participants have a wide range of interests. Therefore The Take Part Participant can shadow me in any of my work that would be of interest, as a administrator of a small voluntary sector funded organisation or as a Wolverhampton City Councillor as a Local Politician I am open and happy to share any of the skills, knowledge and experiences that I have that may be of some interest, these will also include computer skills and website design.

Buddy Q from Dudley can offer:

- Advice and guidance - about how the local authority / democratic process works and how to get involved
- Sounding board - listen to ideas / questions and offer feedback
- Experience - offer a view from where I sit within the local authority
- Skills - e.g. feedback on report writing, help buddy to practice a presentation, etc.

Buddy R from Wolverhampton can offer:

Advice and support in running meetings (I have experience as both a secretary and a chair)
Experience in public speaking
How to be effective in running meetings including school governorships
Standing for election (I am an active Labour Party member)
Participation in civic life
Being a local councillor.



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