

Simon's Story



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I retired from Education in August 2021. Because of the skills I'd developed over the last twenty years from working in inclusion, I didn't want my experience of building confidence and self-esteem in others to go to waste. I thought about how I could put this to use, looked online for volunteering opportunities and AVA jumped out at me.

I had a chat with the team at AVA about the volunteering opportunities that involved engaging with people and began volunteering for the digital inclusion project - 'In Touch'. It has been great. It is such a nice, free and easy atmosphere. I really like working in that way; it's not rigid, and I think you get the best of people by working in a relaxed environment. It has filled a gap for me and given me a new direction, I've got quite a bit of time on my hands at the moment and have used volunteering to reflect and go in a new direction - it has been a good motivator for me.

If you are thinking of volunteering I would say come along, have a look and talk to everyone at AVA. Think about what you have to offer; everyone has skills and I think that sometimes it's easy to forget how we can contribute. If you are feeling nervous, there is nothing to worry about, there is something for everyone here and I think that anyone could be accommodated.

As for the 'In Touch' project, it's a little gem waiting to be discovered. So why not come along and see what's on offer, it's a really friendly space and I've enjoyed being part of the team.





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Would you like to meet new people, learn new skills, make friends and give something back to your community?

Maybe volunteering is your next step?

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