**Expression of Interest**

**Amber Valley Walk Derbyshire**

**Community Engagement in Somercotes and Riddings**

The vision of [**Walk Derbyshire**](https://walkderbyshire.org.uk/) is to make every day walking the norm for all residents of Derbyshire.

Amber Valley has funding to carry out a small-scale pilot that will focus on community engagement and co-production. This will develop understanding of the barriers and opportunities to support residents to walk more, with a focus on areas with the highest levels of inactivity and deprivation.

An Amber Valley Walking Consortium has been formed of cross sector partners including Amber Valley Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council, Active Derbyshire, Amber Valley CVS, ARCH Social Prescribers, Places Leisure, Activity Alliance, Somercotes Parish Council, and residents. The consortium has worked collaboratively to identify Somercotes and Riddings as the place focus and people living with long-term conditions and/or a disability as the priority audience to engage with.

The scope for this work is to carry out face to face and other formats of engagement with people living with a long-term condition and/or disability and to hear their lived experience of what walking means to them - what are the enablers and the barriers? Examples of engagement may include at GP clinics, warm spaces, community groups, long-term condition support groups and carers groups.

We are looking for an organisation or individual to link with Sarah Rodgers from Active Derbyshire/the consortium to:

* coordinate opportunities for engagement and conversations with the priority group
* carry out the engagement
* document the insight gathered
* feedback at regular intervals to the consortium
* produce a final, presentable report to aid the consortium’s understanding of what the priority group are saying.

This should include:

* A summary of overall findings
* An outline of what has been observed, heard and learned
* Identification of any emerging priorities, patterns, and trends as well as gaps in our understanding

The funding available is up to £3,500 with an additional small budget for events if required.

We envisage the piece of work spanning over 4-5 months from April to September (approximately).

If you are interested in this work, please complete the form below and return to sarah.rodgers@activepartnerstrust.org.uk by 5pm **Monday 18th March 2024.** *The consortium will then determine the best fit for the work in terms of value, connections to the work and the potential for support available.*

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| Name, address and contact details: |  |
| Proposed breakdown of all costs: |  |
| Any supporting information you would like to provide : * support the organisation would provide to the overall work
* identified capacity to undertake the work
* ability and evidence of working collaboratively
* whether there are existing roles this work could link with or add to within the organisation
* why you are well positioned to undertake/host the role
* any existing knowledge/networks in the Somercotes and surrounding area.
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