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Meet David Rolph, Open Age Member & Volunteer

Open Age caught up with David as he was preparing to have a video call with his mother who is living in a Care Home. Like many, David has been “visiting” his elderly mother virtually during the Corona Crisis and has only been able to visit her once recently under very strict conditions.

David joined Open Age in 2011 when he responded to a Job Advert. The role had actually been filled, so instead David joined the Open Age New Futures 50+ Scheme (as it was known at the time) and looked for other opportunities. Luckily, he also signed up as a volunteer.

From meeting and greeting during coffee mornings, answering the phone and proofing literature to Database Management, Admin for the Time for Me Group and much more in between, David has done it for Open Age. He has put in a half-day shift, when he was still working and up to three days a week during his retirement. David has been consistent and dependable for nearly a decade.

According to David, volunteering is an opportunity to use his skills and share experiences whilst giving back to the community. It's also a way of making friends and discovering new interests. He admits to being quite reserved in the past and acknowledges a transformation during his time with Open Age. He can now be found striking up conversations with strangers and making members and visitors to the Open Age Centres feel welcomed.

Along came Corona and David remains an invaluable member of the Open Age Team. From home, he still supports the Office Team with database maintenance AND preparing quiz questions for the [Open Age Virtual Social Quiz](#). He enjoys the virtual programme on offer by Open Age as a way of seeing his friends and maintaining social connections.

Open Age celebrates David this week and always for his long-standing commitment. In his own words, “life would be boring” without Open Age. Open Age is grateful to be the beneficiary of David's generosity.

David, on behalf of Open Age Members & Staff (especially Caiti)

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