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Help us fight loneliness.

We are Western Power Distribution (WPD), the electricity distribution network operator for the South West, South Wales and the Midlands.

We have teamed up with Localgiving to deliver our Community Matters Fund. After awarding £500,000 to support organisations combating fuel poverty over the winter, our second funding opportunity through this partnership has now launched. This fund will provide £500,000 to support charitable organisations in their response to people suffering with their mental health due to loneliness and/or social isolation.

The Community Matters Fund is looking to support projects addressing loneliness and social isolation that fit within the following themes:

- Delivering services to reduce loneliness and/or social isolation
- Delivering services to improve mental health caused by loneliness and/or social isolation
- Delivering educational activities focused on skills development and ongoing support to reduce loneliness and/or social isolation (e.g. digital skills, employability skills, life skills)
- Innovative approaches to combat loneliness and/or social isolation and its associated impact on mental health.

The programme is now live and accepting applications until 24th April 2022.

All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application by 4th May 2022.

Projects must be delivered and funding spent by 31st December 2022.

If you have any further questions about the Community Matters Fund please contact our Help Desk on help@localgiving.org.

Look out for us on social media #WPDCommunityFund.