

## **For Social Prescribing Link Workers - conversation prompts for connecting with heritage organisations**

If you approach a heritage activity provider, it may be useful to start with some of the following questions:

- What are the health and wellbeing benefits for people from taking part in this activity? Do you have any data or feedback that you can share?
- Are there specific needs that your activity is particularly well placed to support? How?
- How accessible are the activities that you offer? Financially (fees, tickets, memberships or free); physically (disabled access etc); geographically (availability of transport); psychologically (is everyone welcome / represented?)
- Are there specific skills, knowledge or equipment that are needed to access and engage with the activity?
- Do you have safeguarding policies in place (both for participants and your staff)?
- Have you undertaken any training for working with vulnerable people – and if not, do you need help to find where / how to obtain this?
- Who are your partners who support you with expertise on how to work with people with specific needs?
- How long will this activity / offer will last? How can we make this offer sustainable for clients? (e.g. through volunteering)
- Could you host my service (or another activity) at your site? How do you feel about organising social prescribing drop-ins or advice sessions there – or another promotion / engagement event?

**Also ask if you can try the activity first and visit the site.** This is the best way to see and understand how it works. Heritage providers will often be delighted to welcome you.