

Bristol charity calls for volunteers & guests to take part in Christmas celebrations

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A Bristol-based charity which works to combat loneliness is calling for volunteers who can spare a few hours on Christmas day to help at their Christmas event. What's more, they have spaces for guests at this special lunch, which will take place at 3 venues across the city.

[Marmalade Trust](#), who launched in 2013, will be hosting three events on Christmas day at restaurants around Bristol. They will be providing a sit-down Christmas lunch specifically for people who would otherwise be on their own, and particularly older people in the city.

Amy Perrin, Founder of Marmalade Trust says:

"Sadly, there are a lot of people living in our communities who are experiencing loneliness and social isolation. Marmalade Trust aims to identify these people and reconnect them with their communities."

At this time of year, the focus is very much about Christmas Day. Amy continues:

"Christmas day can be particularly tough if you are on your own. We aim to identify the people in our communities who would otherwise be on their own and our volunteers collect them from home, take them to a Christmas day meal and then return them home afterwards. We fundraise for the meals - which are held at local restaurants, so that every guest can be invited as a 'friend'."

Margaret, a guest at last year's event says:

"I have spent many Christmas's on my own. It was so lovely to be invited out on Christmas day. It used to be a very lonely time all on my own, and now I have friends in the same boat to spend it with."

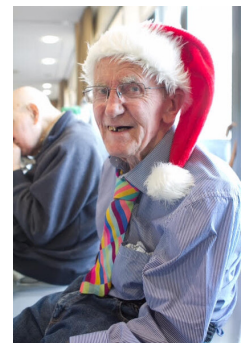
In order to be eligible to attend one of the lunches, guest must be:

- **Otherwise be on their own on Christmas day**
- **Living in Bristol, South Gloucestershire or the surrounding areas**

Spaces must be booked in advance by calling 07511 630 027

Marmalade Trust relies on [volunteers](#) to make this event so special, and this year they are also calling for local people who have a few hours to spare to support at the events in the run up to Christmas, and on the day. if you would like more information please call Amy on 07511 630 027

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