

## Research has found that feeling positively socially connected can help your brain to

- Keep working efficiently
- Slow cognitive decline with aging
  (e.g. memory, processing speed, executive functioning such as planning)

Feeling lonely however, can have a negative impact on your mental health, sense of well-being and cognitive performance.

Here are some simple things you can do to feel socially connected:

## **Maintain Existing Relationships**



Regularly meet friends & family



Get a pet



Ask friends to join you in activities



Keep in touch with friends & family through social media



## Create New Relationships



Join a group, club, or committee



Take up a new class



Volunteer to help others



Get to know your neighbours or work colleagues

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