10 Effective Actions for Successful Coaching

- Focus Activity

- A topic agreed upon by both older adult and coach
- Come prepared
- Be flexible

Purpose -

- Share your proposed plan
- Is it a match? Do you both agree?

Input -

- Use preferred learning styles
- Identify and find ways to utilise the older adults strengths

- Learn Through Play -

- Use well-chosen game apps
- An effective way of learning and building confidence

Modelling -

- Show and tell
- Learner observation
- Repeat the steps, two or three items at a time

- Guided Practice

- Lead the older adult through the steps
- Joint problem solving

- Constantly check understanding –

- Be sure the older adult understands the process and the outcome
- Answer questions as they arise

Independent Practice -

- Let the older adult practice and offer assistance if required
- Don't rush
- Look for clues is the older adult confident and ready to do this?
- Allow them space to practice

Quick Fixes

- Take control to solve a simple technical issue; this is not an 'instructional moment'
- Essential fixes only

Closure -

- Ensure there is a positive end to the coaching session
- Recap what was learnt (showing or telling)
- Give encouragement on what has been achieved
- Plan for the next session