

Welcome to **barnwood** **circle**

Barnwood Circle is a network of people who inform and guide Barnwood Trust's work to influence and make change in Gloucestershire.

Barnwood Circle is for anyone who wants to see changes for disabled people and people with mental health challenges in Gloucestershire.

As a member of **Barnwood Circle** you can help make a difference by sharing your experiences, views and ideas.

We want a wide range of people to be a part of Barnwood Circle. We want to make it easy for anyone to join.



Make a Difference

We want to see changes for disabled people. We use what we hear to help make a difference.

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Be a part of the Conversation

We want the work of the Trust to be guided by the experiences and views of **Barnwood Circle** members.

This happens by:

- ✦ Listening to what is important to you in your life and what changes you want to see in Gloucestershire.
- ✦ Asking you about topics to understand more before we take action or try to influence in the county.
- ✦ Inviting you to be an Expert by Experience on a project team with employees of Barnwood Trust.

We want to hear from you

Do you have ideas, however big or small, that could make a difference?



What affects you in your community?

Can you follow your interests?

What matters to you?

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Being a member

As a Barnwood Circle member there are different ways to be involved.

As a member you get:

A welcome pack

A conversation to get you started

Meetups in your area in Spring, Summer and Autumn

Opportunities to give your views

The quarterly Round Up newsletter

Opportunities to join projects

Barnwood Circle members can leave the scheme at any time.

Information about you as a **Barnwood Circle** member is held securely on Barnwood's database.

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What to expect

We want to make sure that everyone involved in **Barnwood Circle** is treated respectfully, equally and fairly.

You can expect us to:

- ✦ Be clear about the purpose of our activities and how they relate to **Barnwood Circle** and to Barnwood Trust's work.
- ✦ Listen to what members tell us and pass the information on to inform Barnwood Trust's work.
- ✦ Listen to feedback about the way we do things in **Barnwood Circle** or at Barnwood Trust and make sure we learn and improve. We will apologise for our mistakes.
- ✦ Provide relevant policies and help members use them. For example, making it clear how to claim expenses.
- ✦ Offer an optional payment of £15 per hour when a member is an Expert by Experience on a specific project. A member can choose whether to receive that payment or not.
- ✦ We won't ask members to make final decisions about Barnwood's work. That's on us.

We are clear and fair

You can expect clear information. You can expect to be listened to. We pay for people's expertise when they join a set project.



Straightforward and accessible

Where there are barriers, we will work with you so that you can be involved in **Barnwood Circle** in the ways you want to.

Accessible: When you join Barnwood Circle we will talk with you to understand your access needs and how you prefer to stay in touch.

If anything changes, please let us know.

Relaxed and Informal: Meetups and projects are focused on sharing, listening and change. We also want them to be relaxed and informal.

Money: Barnwood Circle is free to join. If you need to pay for something to enable you to be involved, we will pay for it. This could include:

- ✦ Transport
- ✦ Interpretation
- ✦ Support or personal assistance

Ask us to explain how to get these costs paid.



What would help?

Barnwood Circle is accessible to everyone. Tell us what would help you to take part. It's free to join and we pay expenses.

Ways to stay in touch

There are a range of ways to stay up to date with **Barnwood Circle**.

- ✦ Our seasonal newsletter **Round Up** tells you the latest news about Circle activities and information about new projects at the Trust. Round Up is available in different formats, please ask us for what works for you.
- ✦ **Meetups** for circle members in your local area, a chance to connect with other members and give us your views and experiences on a topic.
- ✦ From Autumn 2022, you will have access to the **Circle members' area** of the Barnwood Trust website. We will be able to talk you through how to access this.
- ✦ **Talk to us** during office hours via WhatsApp or by calling or emailing us.



Keep in touch

- ✦ Get the newsletter
- ✦ Join a meetup near you
- ✦ Find out about projects

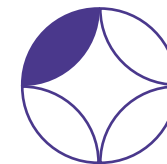
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About Barnwood Trust



Our vision is to create the best possible environment in Gloucestershire for disabled people and people with mental health challenges.

Barnwood Trust is a charitable foundation which gets its income from investments. We are not a fundraising charity.

Barnwood Trust helps change conditions for disabled people and people with mental health challenges.

Our goals are for disabled people and people with mental health challenges to:

- ✦ Follow their passions and take up opportunities
- ✦ Live in well-designed homes in welcoming, sustainable communities,
- ✦ Be fully involved in creating welcoming communities, spaces and places,
- ✦ Influence people, places and organisations to make positive changes on disability issues and inclusion.

Change for disabled people

- ✦ Opportunities
- ✦ Good homes
- ✦ Welcoming communities
- ✦ Influencing people and places

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What we do at Barnwood



Changing conditions

Local change

Strategic Development Managers at Barnwood Trust work in different parts of Gloucestershire. They support:

- ✦ Not-for-profit organisations to access funding
- ✦ Community connections
- ✦ New opportunities to happen in their areas

Campaigns

We campaign on issues that matter to disabled people and people with mental health challenges in Gloucestershire. We use our own research and listen to people with lived experience to inform our campaigns.

Partnerships

We know that positive changes happen when organisations, groups, and disabled people and people with mental health challenges work in partnership. We look for opportunities to come together to find solutions that will help make a difference.



What we do at Barnwood



Listening and learning

Insights

We have a research programme that is focused on disability and mental health. Our research helps us, and others, to drive systemic and societal change, through campaigning and policy work.

Learning events

We offer a range of public workshops. Some are aimed at organisations and groups to help make Gloucestershire more inclusive and accessible. Workshops are facilitated by a range of Barnwood Trust staff and external partners and cater for a wide range of learning styles.

Barnwood Circle

Barnwood Circle is an important part of the Barnwood Trust strategy. It is a network of people who inform Barnwood Trust's work to influence and make change in Gloucestershire. Members share experiences, views and ideas, and take part in projects with us.



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Funding where it is needed

Grants for organisations

Local organisations who are making a difference in Gloucestershire for disabled people and people with mental health challenges can apply for funding. This is for basic costs, activities, projects, or items of equipment.

Grants for individuals

Grants are also available for individuals to take up an opportunity. Check our website for up-to-date information about who is eligible.

See our website www.barnwoodtrust.org for more information.



Your feedback is welcome

If we can do better, we want to know about it.

We want your views. What is working well? What could we do better in **Barnwood Circle**?

Tell us your suggestions about how we can improve the member experience by getting in touch with us in the Engagement Team.

Call, WhatsApp or email the team **Monday – Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm**

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Can we
do better?

Get in touch for
a chat





Meet The Team

Here are all the people in the Barnwood Trust Engagement team.



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