

Barnwood Circle Round Up

June 2022



Hello

Thanks for all the responses to the question of 'what should the newsletter be called?' As you can see, we're pleased to announce that the name that has been chosen is Round Up.



Meetups 2022

Barnwood Circle meetups are well under way. So far, we have hosted meetups in Moreton-in-Marsh, and in the Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury areas.

The final meetups to discuss 'Accessible Transport' will be held in the Forest of Dean on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th June. Meetups will continue across the county through the summer. At our next round of meetups, we will talk about the theme of 'Green Spaces' and getting outdoors.

Participants have included people we already know and some we don't. So far there has been a mix of people with lived experience and professionals from organisations in those geographical areas. Thank you to Pilot Members who have joined and supported us at one of the meetups.



Big Health Check and Wellbeing Day

Coming this Friday, on the 17th of June, is the Big Health and Wellbeing Open Day at Oxstalls Sports Park and the entire Engagement Team will be attending.

The event was aimed at helping people with learning disabilities, with complex physical and health needs, and those with mental and physical health needs — encouraging people to stay healthy and active.

We had an outdoor pitch at the event and enjoyed having lots of conversations with people about the new Barnwood Circle Membership Scheme and 'access to green space'.

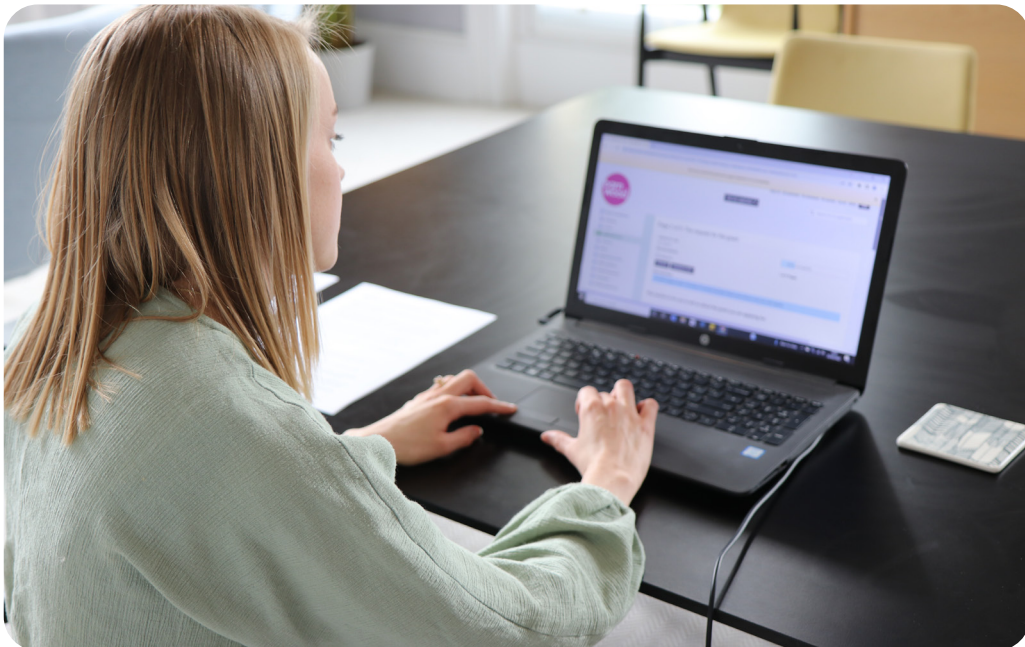


Individual grants

Thanks to the hard work of the co-design group (you know who you are), we have a new targeted grant for someone to take up an opportunity.

The grant can be for a piece of technology, a transport solution or something for one enjoyment opportunity. Household items are not covered by this grant.

This new grant is for you if you have a Serious Mental Illness, Autism, ADHD or Tourette's, if you live in Gloucestershire, and you also receive a disability benefit.



Digital Inclusion Fund

We have developed a one-off funding initiative for 2022 to address digital exclusion experienced by disabled people and people with mental health challenges in Gloucestershire. We want to fund ideas, projects and research that will help to overcome digital exclusion.

Registered charities, Community Interest Companies, social enterprises, other groups who work in Gloucestershire's local communities and not-for-profits can all apply for commissioned funding from the new Digital Inclusion Fund.

You can find more details by visiting to Funding pages on our website.

Anti-racism review

Earlier this month, we published a significant piece of research into the origins of the Trust's funds from about 230 years ago, which includes links with the slave trade.

Our Board of Trustees have written a statement about our funding origins here. The statement explains what we have found out about our historic links with slavery and what we are doing next. Below is a summary:

"Barnwood Trustees say that our historic links with slavery mean that the Trust received funds from a way of life that has oppressed people of colour for centuries."

"We need to think carefully about how we can address racial inequality in the work that we do, how we do this, and the next steps. This is both in the ways that we think and act – as individuals, as an organisation, and as a community. We also need to connect and work with people of colour and communities of colour in Gloucestershire."

The Trustees go on to say: *"We take seriously our responsibility to use our resources and position to do what we can to diminish the huge impact of race and racism on mental health and disability."*

If you visit our website you can read the full statement as well as a blog written by our CEO Sally Byng about what the Trust is doing next.

We very much want to hear from you. We welcome your thoughts on race, racism, and the experiences of people of colour in Gloucestershire, especially as they relate to mental health challenges and disability.

Get in touch with our Chief Executive Officer, **Sally Byng** for a conversation. You can contact her on sally.byng@barnwoodtrust.org or by phone **01242 539935**





Trustee recruitment

We are looking to appoint up to 3 Trustees to join the Board and help guide Barnwood Trust's work. Trustees are volunteers from all walks of life. To find out more please visit our website. You can also request an information pack by contacting Jen Smith on jen.smith@barnwoodtrust.org or calling **01242 539935**

You can also arrange to have a chat with our CEO, Sally Byng to find out more.

Disability Rights UK event

Disability Rights UK are holding a free online campaigning conference on Thursday 28th of July 2022, with a range of masterclasses and workshops "to support our joint efforts to campaign for equality and inclusion".



If you would like more information, including how to book, please speak to a member of the Engagement team.

New team member

We are pleased to introduce a new team member. Fiona started earlier this month as our Events and Marketing Coordinator. Say hello to Fiona at future Barnwood events.



New database

We are setting up a new database to hold secure information about Barnwood Circle members. As soon as it's ready we will be in touch for a welcome chat and to add you to the database.

We will also send you the new official welcome pack. Watch out for a call or email from us.

Feedback welcome

We want to learn as much as we can about what works, and what doesn't. We can take on this learning when planning future events and communication.

We were asked recently to use clear language, avoiding technical terms. We can only learn when we hear feedback like this. If we can make this newsletter better, please let us know.

If you want to get in touch with the Engagement team about anything at all, you can email talktous@barnwoodtrust.org, and call or WhatsApp **07519 325601**.