

JUNE 2022

# APPLE Newsletter

Addressing Poverty with Lived Experience.



## News from the APPLE Collective

Every thought is a seed...

### WHO WE ARE:

We are the APPLE Collective.

A national collective of individuals and organisations who have experienced or are experiencing poverty.

Our aim is to create a sustainable, grassroots network across the UK to raise awareness of poverty, reduce stigma and work together with others to eradicate it.

We work collaboratively with allies to use our voice to affect change and we invite groups that have experience or are led by people who are experiencing poverty to join us and become part of the APPLE Collective.

June. A month of sun, gardening, and most importantly, **APPLE Month!**

In this Newsletter, you can read more about our second official 'APPLE Month'. This is a month dedicated towards highlighting and celebrating all of the fantastic organisations, charities and individuals who use their voice to campaign and have lived experiences at the heart of what they do. This year our theme was around the changing landscape of the digital divide, as well as a focus on Volunteers Week and Learning Disability Week.

We hope you enjoy this month's newsletter, if you or your charity/organisation/group are led with lived experience of Poverty and Inequality and would like to feature in our Newsletter, visit our website at:

<https://www.applecollective.com/apple-newsletter/>

# APPLE Month 2022

## VOLUNTEERS WEEK 2022.

Volunteers' Week is an annual celebration of the contribution millions of people make across the UK through volunteering, from the 1st to the 7th of June. We wanted to kick off APPLE Month by celebrating all of the wonderful volunteers within the APPLE Collective who dedicate their own time towards the collective, their organisations, their families and their communities.

"I love volunteering for APPLE because poverty is such a colossal monster that none of us can fight it alone. The expertise of lived experience from up and down the country makes APPLE a source of strength and helps keep us motivated to keep on keeping on."

- Diana Skelton.

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## Quote

OF THE MONTH

"APPLE Collective members are the heart, soul and embodiment of APPLE. Addressing Poverty with Lived experience, APPLE Collective members work together, across our sub-groups to enact our action plan and have our voices heard on local, national and international levels."

- Katy Goldstraw

APPLE are proud winners of the UK Parliament Digital Campaigners of the year 2021 Award!

# THANK YOU!



Your UK  
Parliament  
Awards  
**WINNER**



# AN OPEN DIGITAL WORLD.

"Being digitally active has never been cheap and a lot of people have found themselves seeking hotspots of free WiFi to get things done. Whilst it may be possible to use free connections at places like Libraries (that always seem to be closing down), on some local transport and in depots (that is very slow and unreliable) or in eateries such as McDonalds (where you have to continue to purchase things or be moved on) none of these options provide the user with the privacy they should be entitled to." [Read here.](#)

- **Phil Parkes.**



# THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF THE DIGITAL DIVIDE—DISCONNECTED AND WELL AND TRULY LEFT BEHIND.

"I've never been one for relying on technology. I have very little confidence and get so stressed whenever I have to do anything that relies on me using the internet. I have a few learning difficulties and suffer quite badly with my mental health. The world is moving far too fast for me, and I am aware that people are now having to rely even more on technology and the internet. This is an absolute nightmare for me, talk about being left behind, I think I've been forgotten about and left to just muddle on as best I can." [Read here.](#)

- **Thrive Teesside Member.**



# CHRIS BURNS WRITES FOR #LEARNINGDISABILITYWEEK



"One of the reasons why learning disability is facing a losing battle in Cornwall is housing, basically it is not there. It means having to compete with other vulnerable groups for non-existing accommodation." [Read here.](#)

- Chris Burns



"The most hurtful thing about poverty and oppression is not the lack of money and the lack of holidays, it's the relationships you could've had if life treated you better." [Read here.](#)

- Chris Burns

## MY EXPERIENCE SO FAR WITH THE APLE/ADA FIELD SCHOOL- BRIAN SCOTT

"The Project is looking at the Digital Divide and the issues raised, and problems encountered during and post-Covid Pandemic for example, when trying to contact your GP and other health services in the community.

The participants have been asked to be Peer Researchers which means that for us taking part, we take an active role in collecting data through interviews which are very much interviewee-led and then passing the information to the researchers at the Ada Lovelace Foundation for assimilation in their overall research."

[Read Here.](#)

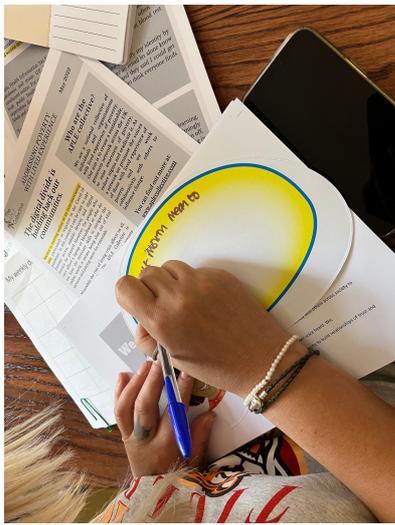
- Brian Scott.



# FRIMHURST 9-10TH JUNE



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# ADDRESSING THE 'DIGITAL DIVIDE' WITH THE DIGITAL POVERTY ALLIANCE

"As part of my work with APLE I was able to attend the Digital Poverty Alliance's Digital Poverty Evidence Review on Monday 27th at the House of Lords in London."

[Read Phil's blog Here.](#)



## COMING UP

9.30-10.30am Thursday 21st July APLE Learning Together Sub-Group

12.30pm – 1.30pm Thursday 28th July APLE Governance Sub-Group

12-1pm Tuesday 2nd August- APLE First of the Month Sub-Group Feedback.

11-12pm Wednesday 3rd August APLE Campaigns and Communications Sub-Group

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11-12pm Thursday 11th August APLE Governance Sub-Group

12-1pm Tuesday 16th August APLE Informal Networking.

11-12pm Wednesday 24th August. APLE Campaigns and Communications Sub-Group.

9.30-10.30am Thursday 25th August APLE Learning Together Sub-Group

11-12pm Thursday 25th August APLE Governance Sub-Group

## APPLE SPOTLIGHT



For APLE Month 2022, we asked APLE members to nominate charities, organisations and individuals that use their voice to campaign and have lived experience at the heart of what they do.



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To see the full list of our #APLEMonth2022 Spotlight Organisations, visit our website here:

[www.aplecollective.com/aple-month-2022/](http://www.aplecollective.com/aple-month-2022/)



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