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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.

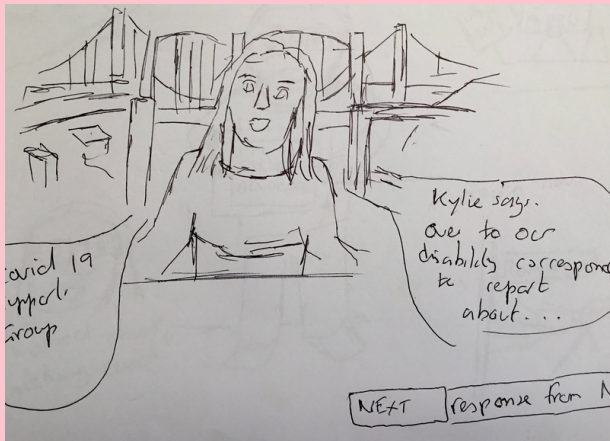
An update from the APPLE Collective.

In this Newsletter, you can read more about what we have been up to as a collective over the last month and what's to come in March, including developing our mentoring scheme, addressing Digital Poverty at the House of Lords and much more!



It was great to be invited to speak to Sheffield Children's NHS Trust Health Inequalities Forum on Digital Exclusion. APLE members joined the forum on the 20th February with Sheffield Children's Trust to bring more insight about Health Inequalities.

Artist Chris Burns.



"Some of the UK's biggest charities and organisations have teamed up to create Together Through This Crisis – to bring people together to lend a helping hand through the cost of living crisis."

The APLE Collective have signed an open letter to Rishi Sunak and Jeremy Hunt, calling on them to:

- Help us heat our homes.
- Make sure kids aren't going hungry.
- Keep a roof over our heads.
- Give a lifeline when times are tough.

You can read the letter in full and sign the petition here:

<https://act.38degrees.org.uk/act/together-through-this-petition>

Sub-group Updates



GOVERNANCE

To assist with APLE becoming a charity, we have agreed to develop a mentoring programme ensuring our members feel able and confident with becoming APLE trustees.

Some bespoke mentoring and support has taken place over our flourishing years and we are now excited about developing our mentoring approach.

LEARNING TOGETHER

We have been working on the upcoming events for March, including our first in person event for 2023 in York next month and the mentoring programme for new trustees later this month, amongst some smaller events.

We're also reviewing themes on training for the Frimhurst and Cornwall events later in the year and will provide more information in the coming weeks.

So, in summary, other plans around members involvement in various projects are being led by Coy, our APLE lived experience co ordinator who will provide us with guidance to frame where there's energy for development.

As part of our ongoing work around the digital divide, members of the APLE Collective will be attending a Data Poverty APPG, in the House of Lords on Wednesday 8th March.

The session will be on the impact of data poverty on access to healthcare, hearing from a range of parliamentary and health care experts as well as members of the APLE Collective.

Some of our APLE members have been invited to take part in a roundtable discussion about the relationship between digital exclusion and the cost of living crisis.

Organised by the Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research, and Places for People.

COMING UP

2nd March 10-11am APLE Learning Together Zoom.

8th March 11-12pm Campaigns Sub-Group. Zoom.

8th March 15.45-16.45 APPG Data Poverty at the House of Lords.

15th March. Bristol Poverty Institute Conference. [Inside Housing Film](#) Shown at opening session and tbc APLE Collective member Chris Burns to introduce Film via video link.

16th March 10-11am APLE Collective Learning Together Zoom.

22nd March 8.30-10.30am APPG Inquiry in Ending Need for Food Banks at the House of Commons.

28th March 2-3pm CAMBRIDGE DATA POVERTY. Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research. Volunteer Speakers; Brian, Lynne & Rona.

APPLE SPOTLIGHT



Growing Rights Instead of Poverty Partnership (GRIPP) is working together to end poverty across the nations and regions of the UK.



GRIPP

In January GRIPP submitted a report to the UN offering their view on the UK's work protecting (or not) Economic Social & Cultural Rights. This was written and led by their four partners ATD Fourth World UK, Intisaar, RAPAR and Thrive Teesside.

You can read the report and find out more about GRIPP here: <https://gripp.org.uk>



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