



AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2023

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Welcome!

To the first newsletter for My Barnsley Too, Barnsley Safe Places and Thursday's Voice.

We'd like to tell you more about what we do!



What is Self-Advocacy?

Self-advocacy is when you speak up for yourself and your interests and peer advocacy is when people with similar experiences work together to support each other. If you would like more information please get in touch.



My Barnsley Too

A Forum for Disability Equality

What is My Barnsley Too?

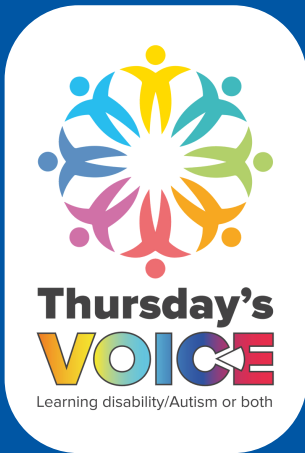
My Barnsley Too is Barnsley's Disability Equality Forum. It is for disabled people, their loved ones and supporters. We engage with the people who can make change happen.

If you would like to become a member email: mbt@cloverleaf-advocacy.co.uk



Be Heard conference

In November, members of My Barnsley Too attended Cloverleaf's 'Be Heard' conference in Doncaster. They joined others to learn about self-advocacy. The day included discussion, theatre sessions, well-being and craft workshops.



What is Thursday's Voice?

Thursday's Voice is a self-advocacy group for adults living with a learning disability, autism or both that meets every week on a Thursday. Group members make the decisions at Thursday's Voice. Come along and have your say, you can get involved or just meet new friends.

If you would like to join email: anthony.carr@cloverleaf-advocacy.co.uk



Coronation Coffee morning

Thursday's Voice Members had a busy morning making crowns for a coffee morning for the King's coronation in May.



Members of Kirklees Safe Places joined them for fun and cake.

One of the crowns was donated to a hat-less skull called Indiana Bones in the local bookshop!



Arbus Reframed - Portrait of Barnsley

Members have also worked with photographer Emily Bloomer to complete their portraits of Barnsley. Armed with disposable cameras, they took pictures around the town centre. Emily's photos featuring the members have been displayed in Barnsley Civic and even made into an e'zine!



What is the Safe Places scheme?

A Safe Place is a shop, business or public building where you can go if you need help to contact a friend or carer if you are out and feel unsafe.



The best way to use Barnsley Safe Places is to join by [completing the online form](#).

Once you are a member you will:

- Get a welcome pack
- Find out about new Safe Places
- Find out about Safe Places events
- Get a membership contact card

Barnsley is part of the National Safe Places Network.

Find out more: www.safeplaces.org.uk

To become a member or find out how to be a Safe Place venue
email: barnsleysafeplaces@cloverleaf-advocacy.co.uk



Exciting News!
12 new venues have been added across the borough so far in 2023!





Safe Places certificates

Over the last few months, My Barnsley Too ambassadors have presented certificates to some town centre premises who are part of the scheme. The certificates are to acknowledge the importance of the premises as part of the scheme. More certificates will be handed out across the borough over 2023.

IN OTHER NEWS...



Are you a service provider?

We are establishing a local provider network and want to hear from you! The aim is to bring together different services to share networking opportunities, create stronger, lasting relationships, and promote them within the communities they are involved with.

If your organisation/service would like to be part of this growing network please get in contact. Email: mbt@cloverleaf-advocacy.co.uk



Dates for your diary!

My Barnsley Too meetings are held every 7 weeks on a Thursday at 10.30 am at The Civic, Hanson Street, Barnsley.

- 28th September
- 16th November
- 7th December

(Christmas coffee morning)



The first My Barnsley Too meeting of 2023 took place on the 26th of January.

We were joined by local elected councillors from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council. They listened to the experiences of the group on what it's like to be a resident and the challenges they face. The aim of the meeting is to help improve access to services for disabled residents.

Hayley Youell from the Cultural, Health and Wellbeing Alliance also attended. She asked for support from the group to help develop a safe environment for their conference in Barnsley later this year.

Barnsley Customer Engagement Grants

Cloverleaf Advocacy is administering grant funding on behalf of Barnsley Council in the form of Customer Engagement Grants (CEG) for the financial year 2023-24.

The grants are to support local voluntary and community groups to undertake events and activities that will promote engagement, involvement and support equality, diversity and inclusion.



The purpose of the grants are to:

- Inspire and enthuse those people living with physical and/or learning disabilities, particularly those not previously involved in any engagement or involvement work where possible.
- Engage public audiences with innovative and creative opportunities to share views and concerns about local issues and services
- Reach specific disabilities groups/communities and individuals (including carers) that may be under-represented from an engagement perspective
- Gather some local insights and information about the issues that matter and the impact of the activity undertaken.

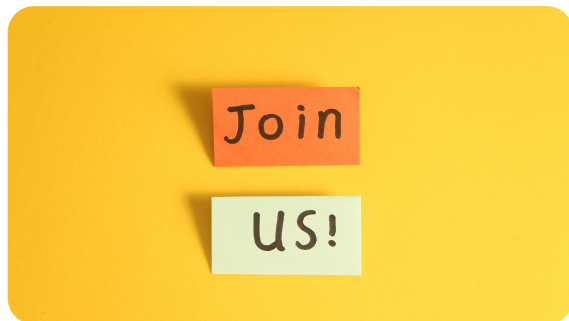
Eligibility

- Grants will only be awarded to not-for-profit organisations based in Barnsley or for activities taking place entirely within Barnsley.
- The activity for which the grant has been applied must be open to residents borough-wide and not restricted to one ward or area of Barnsley.

To focus on events and activities that give opportunities for people from all disabled communities to meet and get to know each other, including, e.g., low-income or homeless groups.

For further information or an application form
email: mbt@cloverleaf-advocacy.co.uk

Get involved!



If you'd like to get involved with any of the groups or sessions that we are running, we'd love to hear from you!

We welcome all adults from Barnsley who are disabled and their carers, family and supporters.

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