

BRENT CARE JOURNEYS * BULLETIN 15



Since we last wrote to you we've been burning the candle at both ends; making the most of everyone's availability over the Summer break, but also going deeper into the kind of systemic change that we want to see.

It was nice to be invited to the Chelsea Physic Garden open day, which was especially lovely for our parents - who enjoyed making fresh flower crowns for themselves and their children.

It has also been a pleasure to see BCJ continuing to **grow**. Maintaining a youth led movement for change - without a referral pathway - is not easy, but it does seem to support the kind of equity that we strive for. The fact that we are continuously welcoming new young people (such as at this Crazy Golf meet up) is testament to the strength of our partnership working with Brent, the strategic ways in which we have positioned ourselves and the brilliance of our project work team.



BIG THANKS to Assistant Project Worker **Zamin** who has heartfelt engagement skills - putting our young people at ease, providing them with someone they can easily relate to and connect with.

RUNNYMEDE

WEDNESDAY 27TH SEP * 3.45 TIL 5PM
CIVIC CENTRE

FOCUS GROUP

The Runnymede Trust are a charity who work for race equality in the UK.

We are looking for young people who are from ethnic minority communities who are involved with Barnardo's.

You would need to be willing to share your experiences of what works well and what could be improved about those services.

This research is looking at how race might affect how people are able to make the most of Barnardo's services, as it can be more difficult for people from some of the different communities in the UK than it is for others. The research findings will be used to help Barnardo's identify the improvements that could be made to help address these issues.

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Brent Care Journeys is predominantly made up of staff and young people of African, Asian and Caribbean heritage. As such we were keen to take the opportunity to work with the Runnymede Trust on their research project - in the hope that we could facilitate the contribution of essential, 'minoritised' and authentic experiences. From the outset, the BCJ team felt that we had important experiences about the times we have struggled most, got things wrong, got things right, framed and reframed both our own practice and our influencing ambitions. We are hopeful about the impact of the forth coming report in terms of **CHANGE** to confront structural discrimination and disadvantage.

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Educating Ofsted



When we first codesigned the training course ‘Locations and Placements’ we knew that we would be influencing the policy officers at Ofsted and our colleagues in CYP at Brent, but we never dreamed we would be educating the 40 people whose job it now is to inspect SIAs following regulation changes. But that’s exactly what we did.. We took **truth to power** and shared learning with the Regulatory Inspection Managers whose job it is to decide whether supported accommodation providers are suitable for registration. Their feedback has been encouraging and helpful:

“I have already used my learning to impact on the registration of supported accommodation. I am more focused on what young people would find important. I highlighted in my report specific things, such as a good welcome pack.”

“Really good afternoon - one of those courses that made you think for a while afterwards. ”

And finally, we recommend checking out

The [Tavistock's evaluation](#) so far regarding BCJ and what the partnership is achieving.

Mark smith’s hugely exciting work in Northumbria to develop [The Liberated Method](#) which is an innovative way of rethinking public service, but without the services..

Coming up...

**GOT SOMETHING TO SAY
ABOUT COST OF LIVING
CRISIS??**

**WE'RE GOING TO
TALK TO THE
GOVERNOR OF THE
BANK OF
ENGLAND**

WANT TO COME WITH US?

PREP 16TH AND 30TH OCT
5PM, CIVIC

ROUNDTABLE EVENT 3RD
NOVEMBER 9AM - 2PM,
CENTRAL LONDON



SAVE THE DATE

LISTEN UP



26 OCTOBER

11AM - 3PM

GAMES, EARLY FOOD & SPECIAL
ACTIVITIES, BIRD DRINKS GUEST
360 PHOTO PRIZES BOOTH

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