

MARCH 2022

APPLE Newsletter

Addressing Poverty with Lived Experience.



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.

News from the APPLE Collective

Every thought is a seed...

March. Originally the first month of the year in the early Roman calendar. Considered the start of new beginnings, as March brought the first day of spring.

This month APPLE celebrated International Womens' Day, a national global holiday celebrating women's immense social, cultural, economic, and political achievements. This monumental day provides an imperative moment to showcase commitment to women's equality.

We also had another in-person gathering, this time in beautiful York, solidifying our plans for APPLE Month 2022, refining our decision making processes, reviewing our digital divide campaign and continuing our working relationship with Ada Lovelace Institute!

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.apecollective.com/apec-newsletter/>

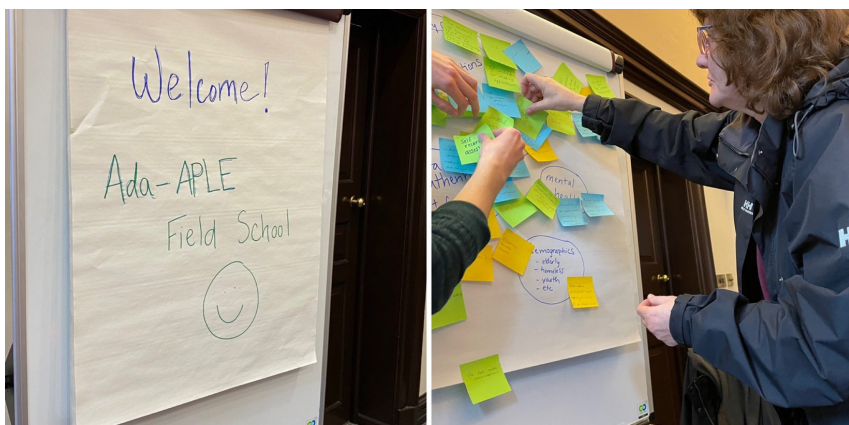
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APLE AND ADA LOVELACE

This month was the launch of the APLE Collective and Ada Lovelace Field School. Working collaboratively and sharing our different areas of expertise, we began the process of co-producing research on the lived experience of data-driven systems and health inequalities.

Our first session together was important to get to know each other and start thinking about themes and questions, as well as developing our ways of working together.

“Really looking forward to being part of this research, I learned a lot in the first session and knew a bit more about data-driven systems than I thought I did, we began to focus on some of the systems we already use within healthcare and began putting them into thematic categories like Primary care, Communication, Data gathering practices and consent, Mental Health and Demographics.” - **APLE Member Caroline.**



Quote

OF THE MONTH

“Every cold and dark phase ends and hence begins a beautiful phase of warmth and vibrance. Don’t believe? Just notice March.”

- Anamika Mishra



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



York meeting gallery:

14-15TH MARCH 2022



APPLE BLOGS OF THE MONTH:

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE WEEK- CHRIS BURNS

"Autism is a neurological difference. It is not with big capital letters, a mental health condition. Autism is a spectrum of talents and abilities, some may have an associated learning disability (I have a fixed cognitive impairment on top of my autism) or be non-verbal. I can 100 per cent say just because a person doesn't verbally communicate, it doesn't mean they haven't got something to say or share."



Read the full blog here:

<https://www.aplecollective.com/2022/03/autism-acceptance-week-chris-burns/>

APPLE AT THE RAISING VOICES EXHIBITION



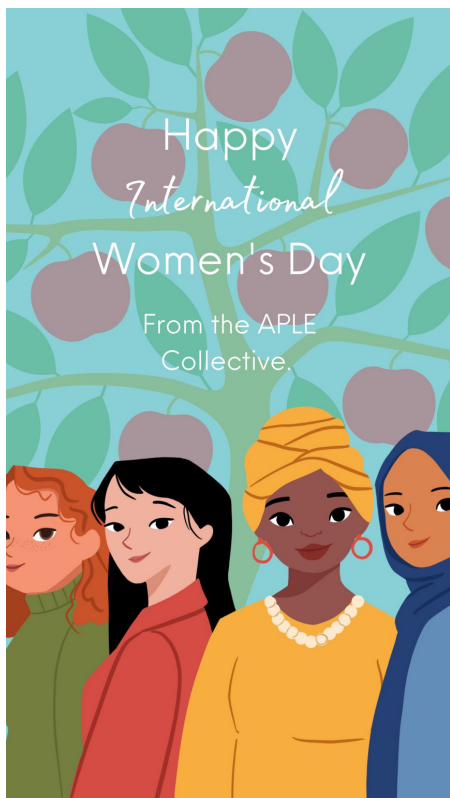
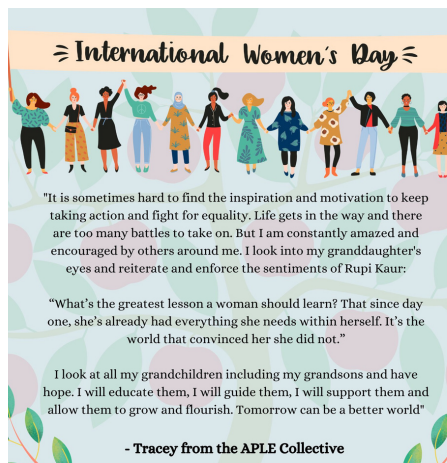
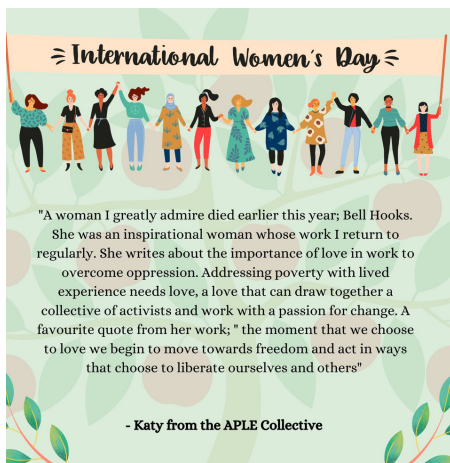
"Friday 25th March was the Raising Voices Exhibition at Catalyst Building on Staffordshire University's Campus. It was a full day for community members to visit the exhibition of photos, clay and postcards which raise the voices of people experiencing poverty in Stoke on Trent."

Read the full blog here:

<https://www.aplecollective.com/2022/03/aple-at-the-raising-voices-exhibition/>

APLE & INTERNATIONAL WOMENS' DAY

The APLE Collective are committed to amplifying the voices of women with lived experience of poverty and inequality, creating a supportive space for coming together, sharing insight and knowledge and working together to influence the decisions that impact us.



#IWD

Economically illiterate.

Business is struggling,
Supply chain issues,
Lack of workers,
Empty shelves.
Rising costs,
Restrict cheap labour,
Benefit cuts,
We'd rather see people with,
High wage,
High skilled,
High productivity,
I'm off to Marbella!
Recycle the lies from 2016,
We should all be recycling!
It sounds great,
But can we reach
That pie in the sky
He persuades us will taste delicious?!!
It will be difficult, he says,
Difficult for who? I think,
He hasn't got a clue.
It might deplete his savings a little,
But for the rest of us it could spell disaster!
Raising taxes on a fragile economy,
It might work!
Let's give it a go!

Poetry by Tracy Knight

Single parent employment survey:

The campaign group Single Parent Rights is conducting a short, anonymous survey into the employment experiences of single parents. We'd really appreciate all single parents (whether in paid employment or not) taking five minutes to complete this as the more data we can gather, the more politicians and the media will listen to the results.

Link to survey: <http://tiny.cc/singleparentemployment>

**1 IN 3
PEOPLE IN
THE UK
STRUGGLE TO
AFFORD THE
INTERNET.**

<https://www.goodthingsfoundation.org/insights/building-a-digital-nation/>

The new energy prices will force decisions on which bills to pay. Today's life means that digital access will become a casualty, options are limited to heating, eating, meeting or tweeting. What would you choose?

COMING UP

- 5th April 12.30-1.15pm APLE Collective Sub-Group Feedback Meeting
- 6th April 11-12pm Campaigns and Communications
- 7th April 9.30-10.30am Learning Together
- 7th April 11-12pm Governance
- 19th April APLE Networking 12.30-1.15pm
- 20th April 11-12pm Campaigns and Communications
- 21st April 9.30-10.30am Learning Together
- 21st April 11-12pm Governance



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APLE SPOTLIGHT



For our February Newsletter, we'd like to spotlight **Thriving Women and Tees Women Poets!**

Julie Easley has been delivering a series of poetry workshops called 'Writing truth to power' for a project called Thriving Women, on behalf of the Tees Women Poets.

The workshops has had definitive aims – to empower those who are powerless and to produce a body of work that reflects their lived experience of that. These women, these resilient, down to earth, extraordinary women, citizens of a country with a political system that devalues and dehumanises them at every opportunity, have used their voices to create a book titled **Echoes of the unheard, with poetry from our very own APLE Member Tracy Knight.**

Echoes of the Unheard launch event-

Saturday 23rd April, 7 pm to 10 pm at Cafe Zero, 21 Gosford Street, Middlesbrough, TS2 1BB

<https://thrive-teesside.org.uk/thriving-women-echoes-of-the-unheard/>

