

COMMON GROUND

CHWA CONFERENCE 2026

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Visual Story

Welcome!

Welcome to Common Ground: The Culture, Health & Wellbeing Alliance national conference in Barnsley. This pack contains pictures and information to help you find your way around.

If you have travelled by train, you will arrive at the main station, **Barnsley Interchange**.

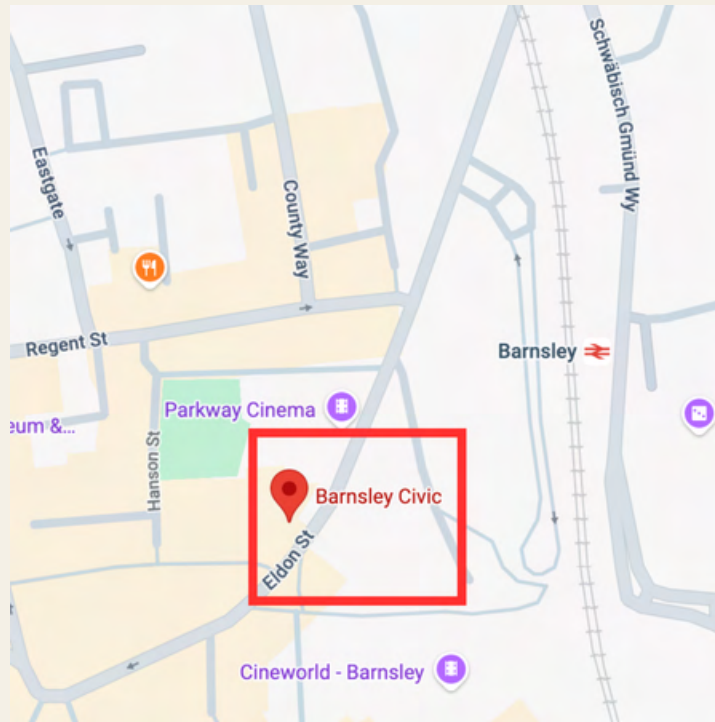


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Our host venue is just a few minutes away.



When you arrive at the platform, to exit Barnsley Interchange, go up and over the bridge as shown in the pictures below (do not go out of the back entrance).



[Here is a video](#) showing the route to The Civic from Barnsley Interchange.

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A member of our team will be at Barnsley Interchange on each day to direct you. They will be wearing a t-shirt with this logo.



BARNLEY CIVIC

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When you enter the front doors of the Barnsley Civic, you can access a lift and staircase to Old Art School through the gallery on your left. This is the **only** breakout space in a different part of the building.



If you continue straight ahead, you will find two lifts and a staircase providing access to the panorama space (check-in), the main theatre, studio theatre, meeting rooms and dressing rooms.



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Take the stairs or the lift to the Panorama on the first floor.



This is where you will **sign in** with a member of the CHWA team, and where **food and refreshments** will be served during the breaks. There are also **accessible toilets on this level**. An artist residency by Liz Clarke & Co, called **CAIR Salon** will also be taking place across the 3 days in the panorama space.

Plenaries will take place in the main theatre:



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Breakouts will take place in the Old Art School, Studio Theatre, and Meeting Room 1.



OLD ART SCHOOL



STUDIO THEATRE



MEETING ROOM 1

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If you feel overwhelmed or need to just some time out, there are designated quiet and safe places available throughout the conference to attendees at all times.



QUIET SPACE - MEETING ROOM 2

Safe space, carer feeding space in dressing Room 2 (behind main theatre).



PRAYER ROOM - LIBRARY @ THE LIGHTBOX

Located directly across the road from the Civic.

Outdoor space at the Civic.

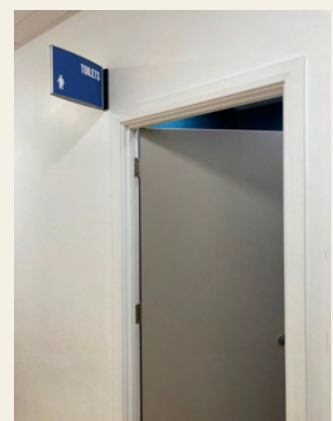


MANDELA GARDENS

In the evening, we will be based in the panorama room for our **welcome reception and evening meal** on **Wednesday 7th October from 18.30pm**. Lunch will also be held in the panorama space on **Thursday 8th October from 1pm**.

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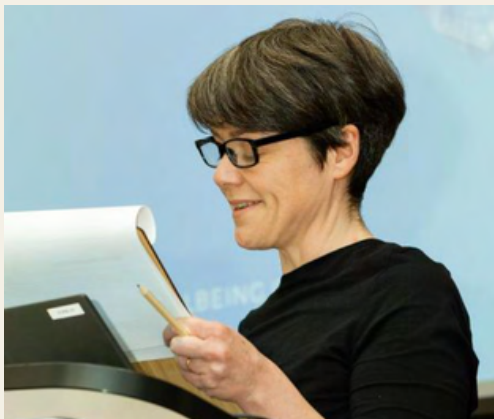
Single sex, disabled and gender neutral toilets are available across Barnsley Civic, please ask our volunteers for help locating them.



Meet the staff

Our team of staff and volunteers will be on hand to help you throughout the conference. Volunteers will be wearing blue T-shirts with the CHWA logo – Do speak to them if there's anything you need.

Victoria Hume, Executive Director



Kheyla Buchanan, Administration & Social Communications Lead



Luisa Golob, Barnsley Creative Health Lead



Lara Eggleton, Events & Programmes Lead



Rachel Massey, South Yorkshire Creative Health Lead



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Directions and access guides

Here are directions and access guides to the venues:

Barnsley Civic: Eldon Street, Barnsley, S70 2JL – [Access Guide here](#)
[Google Map Directions](#)

Lightbox @ The Library: The Glass Works, Barnsley, S70 1GW – [Access Information here](#), [Visual guide for visiting Lightbox @ the Library](#).
[Google Map Directions](#)