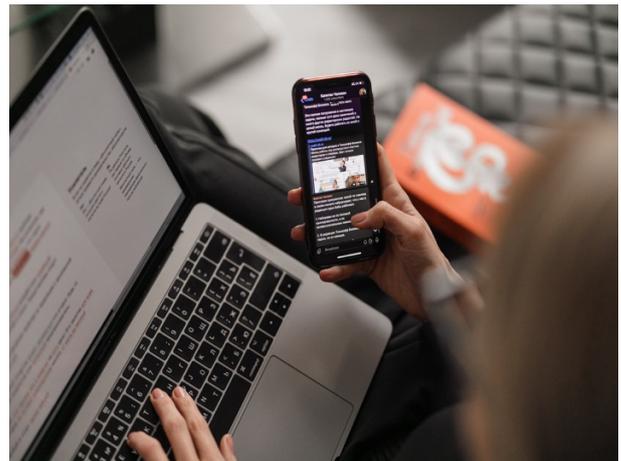


# TOC H NEWS

## Plans, Events and Updates

### Welcome to our Newsletter

We will be keeping up the Toc H communication with our new newsletter which will provide an opportunity to catch up on new developments, hear about some of the events we have planned and updating on Toc H in the UK (and occasionally internationally). If you have any news you would like us to share please be in touch. [pch@toch.org](mailto:pch@toch.org)



### Hilary Geater Childs

It was decided at the last Toc H Board meeting to appoint Hilary Geater Childs as life Vice President of Toc H. Hilary has resigned from the Toc H board for health reasons but the Board were very keen to honour her contribution to Toc H over a period of 50+ years. Hilary will open our Annual General Meeting each year and will, I am sure be keeping a weather eye on new developments.

### Membership Sessions

Paul Hackwood will be producing a membership session each quarter to keep members up to date with Toc H developments either practical issues like developing local hubs or thematic sessions looking at a particular Toc H issue. The session Toc H 'What's God got to do with it' is available here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/tochpeople>

Listen out for these sessions.



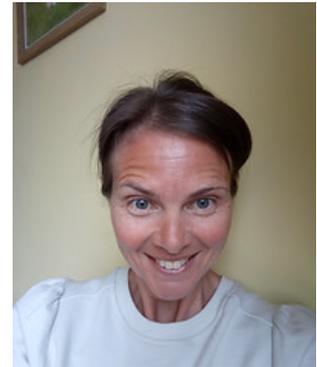
## New Staff

We have three new staff starting at Toc H to help us deliver our strategic plan.

Elizabeth Fewkes who has been appointed as our Development Manager for Young People started work on 20<sup>th</sup> April and will be responsible for developing projects connected with our neighbourhood hubs which support work with young people and their mental health. Elizabeth has a good deal of experience in developing neighbourhood work.

Jacqui Justice has been appointed as our Development Manager for Older People and started work on 26<sup>th</sup> April and will be responsible for developing work with older people across our portfolio of neighbourhood hubs. Jacqui has plenty of experience of initiating and managing work with older people as an Area Manager with the Alzheimer’s Society and has worked as a Care Quality Commisisoner.

Brian Kenny will be the Director of Enterprise and comes to us at the end of June from Headway where he is the National Manager. He will take the lead on developing the social enterprises that provide the foundation for our neighbourhood hubs. Brian has been working at the interface of the business and charitable worlds for some time. Prior to that he was a sergeant in the British Army and so continues the link with the armed services which has been so central to Toc H over the years.



## Ukrainian Refugees

We have all seen the terrible images of the war in Ukraine and the untold suffering it has caused.

Rowena and Paul Hackwood will be having three refugees stay with them at their home for a year or so. Elena, Igor (15) and Konsta (12) who used to live in Mariupol and have now lost almost everything, homes, jobs, school and car. Thank you to those who have offered support.

As we develop our neighbourhood hubs we will be doing what we can to offer support to refugees in need.



## New Trustees

The Board of Toc H has powers to co opt new trustees to develop the skills and expertise of the Board overall. At their last meeting they decided to appoint Canon Denise Poole who was until retirement Chaplain to the Bishop of Leeds and has experience of fundraising from her work as a parish priest in Bradford. They also appointed Debbie Child who was the Diocesan Secretary in Leeds until her retirement last year. Debbie has been a charity manager for many years and has an expertise in HR. We welcome them both to the Board and look forward to the contribution they can make over the next few years.

## Toc H Board Donation

The Board of Toc H have donated £1,000 to the Red Cross appeal for their work with the people of Ukraine who are caught up in the terrors of war.

Our donation represents a small contribution to meeting the needs of those who are suffering.

It is we hope a sign on behalf of all Toc H members of our concern for all those affected by the war in Ukraine.

The Board encourages members and Toc H Branches to show their solidarity with the suffering of the people and to make individual donations of money and goods and support initiatives in their local area.



## Weirside

We are moving ahead with plans to redevelop Weirside so that we can use it more easily for work with young people. This is likely to mean a fairly significant revamp with a shift away from dormitories to twin rooms with associated ensuite and a small meeting room and a large meeting room/ dining room downstairs. Our plans are at the very early stages of conversation with an architect. We will keep you posted in developments.

