

CHELTENHAM SUMMER INSTITUTE 2025

ALWAYS A NEW ADVENTURE...



23RD AND 24TH SEPTEMBER

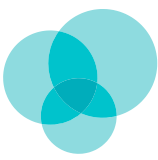
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PARTICIPANTS AND STORIES

From all over the world, gathering at the Butterfly Garden in Cheltenham.



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PLANNED LIFETIME ADVOCACY NETWORK



LIVESTHROUGHFRIENDS

We believe that everyone deserves a 'good life'. The current systems rarely deliver that outcome, especially for those with complex or challenging reputations. As a collective we have been delivering and sustaining great lives for people for over half a century.

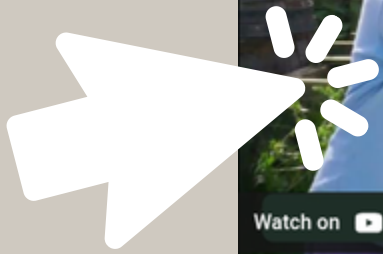
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Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network (PLAN) is a Canadian nonprofit that supports people with disabilities and their families to lead lives of connection, purpose, and security. Through personal support networks, future planning, and community building, PLAN works to foster inclusion and recognize the unique contributions of every person.

THE BUTTERFLY GARDEN

The Butterfly garden is an educational, therapeutic and recreational scheme, based initially on gardening, but now offering so much more. It is a project for people of all ages dealing with disablement of any kind. It caters for those looking to escape the world, those looking to re-enter it and some, who are still just looking. Its doors are open to anyone without obligation.

FIND OUT MORE



COSTS



Two brilliant, insightful and energising days, in unique surroundings. Food, refreshments and transfers from the Leonardo hotel to the venue.
Total Cost £360.06

WE HAVE LIMITED SPACES...

small is beautiful!
Click below to book.



ACCOMODATION

In previous years we've organised hotels, this year it is over to you! There are lots of hotels in Cheltenham.

We recommend the Leonardo Hotel - that's where event organisers and speakers will be staying and where transfers to the Butterfly Garden will be picking up each day.

www.leonardohotels.co.uk/cheltenham

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Join us for a unique two-day gathering during Westminster's Conference Recess at the beautiful Butterfly Garden – a place that lives and breathes the very values we'll be exploring. The 2025 Cheltenham Summer Institute will illustrate this robust alternative narrative in a place that *does it*, and with guest speakers who quietly do it in their own neighbourhoods.

Why This Matters



Last year, leaders from a dozen countries across three continents issued a powerful communiqué:

"We collectively envision a world where care for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism is rooted in human connection, interdependence, and kindness. This shared vision can be achieved through an intelligent combination of person-centred, locally designed services and the fostering of resilient, caring social networks."

They echoed Michael J Sandel's reflection that:

"It has been the expansion of markets, and of market values, into spheres of life where they don't belong"...which has led to our current dysfunctional and collapsing systems of care.

You are invited to take the next step: to explore, challenge, and shape this narrative with the participation of those with the power to influence systemic change — parliamentarians.

What to Expect



- Provocative talks and honest dialogue
- Stories from lived experience and community leadership
- Space to think, connect and collaborate
- A collective effort to move care back into the heart of community life.

This is a gathering for those who believe that care must be rooted in human relationships, not transactions — and who want to be part of building something better.

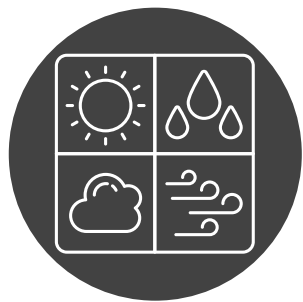


EVENT SCHEDULE



MONDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER - FRINGE AND MEET AND GREET

Afternoon & Evening, Informal Fringe Workshops and Meet & Greet
Leonardo Hotel Seminar Room (Details to be confirmed)



The Summer Institute takes place in the Butterfly Garden in Cheltenham, they have welcomed us into their space so we'll be sharing throughout our two days together. Seminars and workshops take place in Marquees and Classrooms dotted around the space, it's a garden so essentially outside, but there are plenty of places to comfortably shelter. The weather has been very kind in previous years, but this year we are stretching the concept of 'summer' so come prepared for a heat wave or a downpour...



TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER – DAY ONE

09:00 – Transfers from Hotel to The Butterfly Garden

09:30 – Opening Session: Always a New Adventure – Next Steps, revisit 2024 conclusions, impact updates, and vision-setting.

Curated by Shelley Nessman, Chris Evans & Bob Rhodes.

10:30 – Refreshments

11:00 – 13:00 – Parallel Seminars (Round 1)

Classroom: Experts by Experience & Families – Tussie Myerson, All Wales People First & Anne Wibaut (Netherlands)

Marquee: Relationships & Strengths-Based Practice - WALK – Kevin Barnes, Vicki Hogan & Mason Russell (Republic of Ireland)

13:00 – Lunch

14:00 – Harvest Time Plenary – Capturing Ideas & Insights So Far, with Shelley, Chris & Bob

14:45 – 16:45 – Parallel Seminars (Round 2 – Repeat of Morning)

17:00 – Transfers to Hotel

18:30 – Evening Social Event • Meet in Hotel Reception • Dinner at Dunkerton's Cider Farm (TBC)

WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER – DAY TWO

09:00 – Transfers from Hotel to The Butterfly Garden

09:30 – 11:30 – Parallel Seminars

Classroom: Neighbourhoods/Communities – Simon Duffy, Tim Keilty & Petagma (Greece)

Marquee: Nurturing Communities – Chris Brown, Martin Simon & Grapevine Coventry & Warwickshire

11:30 – Refreshments

12:00 – Harvest Time Plenary – More Ideas & Insights with Shelley, Chris & Bob

12:45 – Lunch

13:30 – 15:30 – Parallel Seminars (Repeat of Morning)

15:30 – Refreshments

15:45 – Communique Headlines – What We ALL Want to Say, with Shelley, Chris & Bob

16:45 – Farewells & Hotel Transfers