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What is it all about?

FestivALL 2020 is all about linking up, celebrating and building connections, on and offline, and making sure that everyone is included in some way.

During the Covid-19 pandemic people have been finding different and creative ways of keeping in touch with friends, family and neighbours and we want to celebrate this.

We are asking people across Gloucestershire to make their own paper chains, and either display them in a window for their friends and neighbours to see, or email or upload a picture online for people to see virtually (or both!)

We think a paper chain is a great representation of how people have come together and link up with friends, old and new, during these unprecedented times.

How can I join in?

This year there are a few different ways to join in with FestivALL...

You can get creative

- Make a chain; out of paper, old magazines, wool, fabric... anything you might have lying around the house. Or visit www.festivall.org to download a chain to make or decorate.
- Display your chain; put your chain up in your window and post a picture online on the FestivALL Facebook page, or email us using the details below and we will do it for you.
- Help someone else make a chain; maybe you could give someone some materials to make a chain, print off a FestivALL downloadable chain or maybe arrange a video call to make yours with friends





You can join us online

- Enter our competition; when you have completed your chain, send a picture to us (using the details below), telling us what the chain represents for you and you will be entered into a draw to win one of the prize hampers.
- Join in online; join in on the FestivALL Facebook page where we are creating a digital chain showcasing people and organisations who are inclusive and helping people stay connected
- Join in with an online FestivALL event; we have a couple of events happening during July that you can join in with (keep an eye on the FestivALL website to find out more)

Visit www.festivall.org to find out more or search for us on social media.

If you would like to send us a picture of your chain, or just ask a question, email us: lucy.adam@barnwoodtrust.org

Who is involved in FestivALL?

You're Welcome Gloucestershire



The inclusive online events directory and forum is free to anyone in Gloucestershire. It brings together the latest information on events, venues and activities in Gloucestershire. This July they will be sharing all

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your paperchain creations and helping people find ways to connect through online or community events. You can join You're Welcome Gloucestershire now and get free access to all their inclusive listings and guidance, plus take part in the FestivALL discussions and chat in their forum.

Get involved at www.yourewelcomeglos.org

Write Up Your Street



Write Up Your Street exists to promote the good stuff that is happening in communities around Gloucestershire that gives people a lift. They champion inclusion and encourage anyone to submit their stories to be featured.

They have started releasing their uplifting e-newsletter and have a bunch of blog posts on their website, including some great stories from FestivALL 2019.

Find them at www.writeupyourstreet.org

Barnwood Trust



Barnwood Trust's vision is to create the best possible environment in Gloucestershire for disabled people and people with mental health problems to make the most of their lives.

The Trust won't give up until Gloucestershire is a place where everyone with a disability or mental health problem is valued for who they are and what they can give, can do the things they love, and feel fully welcome in their communities.

Find out more at www.barnwoodtrust.org



How to make a chain

You can make a chain using anything you have lying around the house, such as scrap paper, old magazines, newspapers, wool or fabric.

Just follow our simple instructions below...

Or you can visit www.festivall.org to download and print our pre-made paper chain designs to get you started

Step 1

Use a pencil and ruler to draw strips on your paper. They should be about 5cm wide and 20cm long.





Step 2

Cut along the lines to make the strips of paper.



Step 3

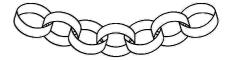
Bend the strip into a circle, and glue the ends together.





Step 4

Loop each strip through the one before. Now you have a chain!



Other things to think about

- Consider adding a sensory element so more people can appreciate your chain
- Think about where and how you are going to hang your chain. Maybe in a window for passers by to enjoy?
- Is there a message or special design that you would like to incorporate in your chain, we would love to see what you come up with?
- Take a photo of your chain and share it online to inspire other people (and have a look at the pictures on the FestivALL social media for inspiration)
- Think about people near you who are staying at home at the moment, who might want to get involved
- Encourage people in your neighbourhood to take part and create a walk to showcase everyone's chains

Visit www.festivall.org to find out more or search for us on social media or if you would like to send us a picture of your chain, or just ask a question email us lucy.adam@barnwoodtrust.org.

FestivALL is supported by people and organisations across Gloucestershire.







