



Know Your Neighbourhood Feels Like Home

Walk along the Trail and a visit to Elsecar Heritage Centre

Feels like home are a cultural sharing group for migrant communities living in Barnsley and the funding we received from the Trans Pennine Trail's You're your Neighbourhood funding enabled us to take a group of our members for a walk along the Trail, a visit to Elsecar Heritage Centre for lunch and buy some waterproofs to protect them from the wonderful English weather.

We ended up with 97 members taking part which is just phenomenal and really shows how important groups such as ours are to our local communities. In total we had 12 nationalities represented with our oldest member in their 60's and our youngest just 6 weeks old.

Despite the drizzle on the day we had a fantastic time out on the Trail. It was wonderful to see the children running along with their parents and carers, huge smiles on their faces and just enjoying being in the outdoors in the safe surroundings of the Trail. We saw ducks, swans and moorhens joining us along the canal where stopped to read the information boards and talk to the group about the history of the area and how important it's industrial heritage is.

We also have to say a huge thank you to Elsecar Heritage Centre who had to cater for us in 3 sittings for lunch there were that many of us! It was lovely to see everyone relaxing and chatting away, hearing how much they'd enjoyed the walk and then having an afternoon to explore the Heritage Centre.

The group has already asked when their next outing is too!

Funding like this is a real lifeline for organisations such as ours in helping reduce the feeling of isolation and helping boost mental health which is chronically poor amongst asylum seeking communities. Part of our funding was used to purchase travel vouchers to allow our members to travel to other parts of the Borough and

getting out onto other parts of the Trail that they can freely access with their wheelchairs and buggies in confidence, knowing that they'll be made welcome.

Thank you very much, Joanna. Me, my friends and our children enjoyed the trip yesterday. I am glad I know Elsecar area and history now - it is close to our home and we will come again. The walk is very nice and green. Thank you and your team for helping us.

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Aim of the Organisation:	Feels Like Home is an organisation that helps the local migrant community improve their English and make new friends. They help members practice English, discover Barnsley by visiting interesting places and connecting with other members within the local community.
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