

About The Pod

Sitting within Coventry City Council Adult Social Care and significantly funded by the Clinical Commissioning Group The Pod, is an award winning secondary mental health social brokerage and cultural hub which represents a new progressive & values driven within local authority adult social care, one that focuses on critical connections and a shift from service user/patient to citizenship and agency.

The PODS work asserts the importance of co-production & cultivating authentic connection with the city, its creatives, industry leaders, entrepreneurs, changemakers & quiet activists. As an outcome of The Pod's approach unexpected (and often unconventional) bridges to sector experts, employment, just things that matter are forged, sustained and made real.

'What THE POD do is innovative, radical and socially engaged' - NHS England

The Pod have won the prestigious UK Skills for Care Accolade Award and the Public Sector Cohesion Awards. I've won the UK Mental Health Best Practice Leader Award and Coventry Women as Leaders Award.

Articles about The Pod's work have been published by TLAP, Public Health England, NDTi, LGA, Be More Pirate and many others. In 2018 The Pod Café [our socially conscious trading arm] was voted in top ten vegan cafes in the UK by Guardian Readers.

'[The Pod] challenges national assumptions around what and how social care can deliver' (TLAP)

In 2020 our Manager was a panel member at the All Parliamentary Group for Adult Social Care with focus on co-Production and co-design: *'Who decides what my care and support looks like?'*

As example of recent innovation, over the last 18months, The Pod, with the AMHP Manager and Manager of the council's rehabilitation service have piloted a ONE COV Social Intervention Approach to Crisis [SICoI]. As with all The Pods work the intervention(s) delivered through the SICoI project are underpinned by the duties, powers and principles set out in a range of legislation and policy. Following the success of the pilot this project has been awarded 3 Year NHS Transformation Funds.