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Cancer Coaching Community starting a re-integration revolution By Ione Bingley

hen her daughter was diagnosed and treated for Hodgkin's Lymphoma at just 19, then breast cancer in 2015, Jackie Arnold became aware of the support vacuum and isolation faced by sufferers attempting to reintegrate into society after their experience. It was then that Arnold was struck by the idea of creating a community of cancer professionals and peers able to provide coaching for recuperating individuals and their families looking to return "to life or work after cancer"

that is right for them.

Arnold's vision was to be the

champions coaching for people affected

by cancer, supporting them as they move

forward from their cancer experience.

Central to CCC's mandate is to equip

the supported individual with the tools

Among CCC's coaches is Emily

health psychologist with the NHS and

several charities, and a cancer survivor

Hodge, with 20 years experience as a

needed to adequately support themselves.

principal UK organisation that

Arnold put in a call via the International Coach Federation newsletter to coaches who would be qualified and interested in joining the Cancer Coaching Community (CCC). She received a great response and they now have 12 professional dedicated members offering coaching support for all those impacted by cancer.

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coaching methodology and support, coach for many years and believes that enabling individuals to deal successfully coaching is critical to rebuild on strong with the impact of cancer on their lives foundations after a cancer ordeal. and to move forward from it in the way

"You can't run away from a cancer diagnosis, you have no choice or control. but once it's over you forget that you now have choices, you're weakened in your confidence and self-esteem," says Hodge. Hodge looks to tend to the mental

wellbeing of her supportees, helping them to manage their feelings of anger and fear in a healthy way, whilst assisting them in regaining control of their lives after cancer.

"We're trying to bridge the gap between the reality of the experience and where someone wants to be and coaching can provide a unique support in this herself, Hodge has been an independent

complex health area," says Hodge. "By bringing together skills and abilities through a range of professional coaches we can offer a platform of expertise like no other and our own personal experiences allow us to provide a backdrop of empathy and understanding."

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Another member of the CCC team and founder of Working with Cancer is Barbara Wilson who, after a personal cancer ordeal, is adamant that the impacts of treatment last long after it is over and "are often more challenging than the treatment itself"

"We have expectations that each week will be better than the last week, but the hard reality is that it takes typically months to get over the physical, emotional and psychological impact of cancer so we lose faith in our own ability to recover," explains Wilson.

"Coaching works so well with cancer because it focuses on the individual's needs, the individual's rules and agenda to help them cope with that long and winding road to recovery."

members of society affected by cancer, CCC hopes to be available alongside the standard NHS cancer treatments easing pressure on the NHS by providing essential after care and support.

For more information visit: www.cancercoachingco

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# Business has a role in tackling inequality By Neil Richmond FRSA

s inequality the price of economic freedom? Businesses succeed if they make a profit. Sometimes this means funnelling resources away from the many, can be harnessed for positive change. towards the few. The system we have can compound inequality, but does it always have to?

The function of businesses in concentrating wealth gives them the power to improve the lot of those with less. So what would happen if more people made it their business to tackle inequality?

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Neil Richmond FRSA Co-founder of www.OneSgin.org against them throughout life.

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