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COMMON WHEEL COMMUNITY MUSIC IN A MENTAL HEALTH CARE CONTEXT

The people we work with:

- Inpatients in Gartnavel Royal Hospital Psychiatric Wards (both adult and elderly)
- Adults in the community who are referred through their mental health support agency
- Older people in residential & dementia care

Most of our activities are weekly groups & in our music service we work with around over 200 individuals each month

Music & Bicycle Workshops – Getting Involved

“Our mission is to improve mental wellbeing, increase skills and reduce isolation through the provision of supported, meaningful activities for people with mental illness and dementia.”



What is Recovery?

“For many people, the concept of recovery is about staying in control of their life despite experiencing a mental health problem...

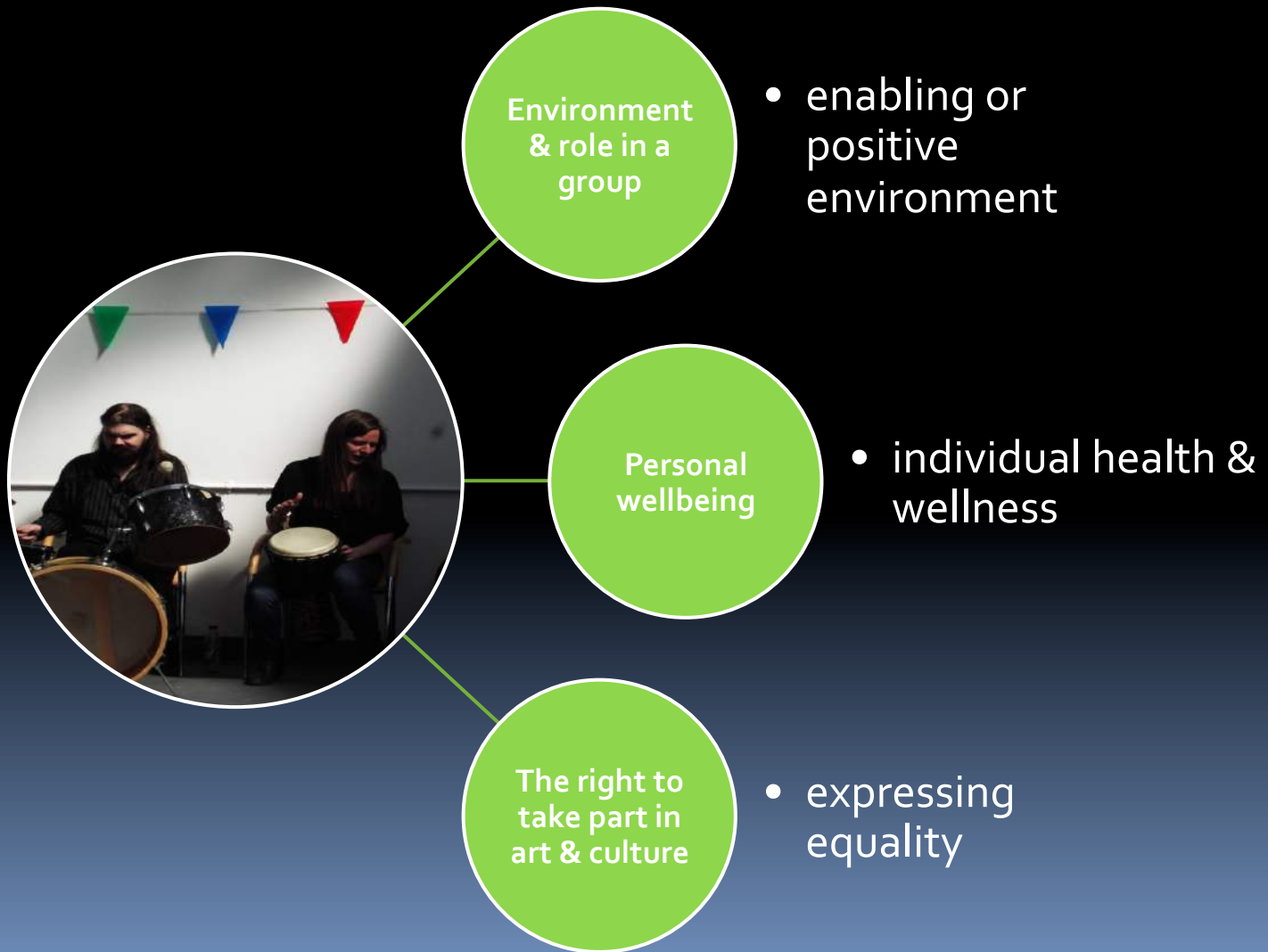
Putting recovery into action means focusing care on supporting recovery and building the resilience of people with mental health problems, not just on treating or managing their symptoms. There is no single definition of the concept of recovery for people with mental health problems, but the guiding principle is hope – the belief that it is possible for someone to regain a meaningful life, despite serious mental illness.

Mental Health Foundation
www.mentalhealth.org.uk



"it's the only thing I'll miss about this place"...

Considering a role for music in recovery



Range of Our Work

Alzheimer Assessment
Mental Health Rehab
Tunes Up





Music In Inpatient Care



Music Therapy

Community Music

Music Performance



Older People's Project & Dementia Specific Work



Using Skills & Expressing Identity



Time of fulfilment
Time of improvisation
Time of enjoyment





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