

Finding your “squad” (aka sources of support)

There are so many groups and people you can turn to for advice, support, encouragement, ranting – basically anything. I've added links to some of my favourite resources/groups that have got me through this past year (relatively) sane!

FB groups

Charity Wellbeing Hub - for 3rd sector professionals - Run by the amazing Claire Warner this is a wellbeing hub for fundraising & Charity Professionals. There are daily threads (Monday goals, Thursday your top 10, etc.) Claire also shares a lot of her wellbeing research, hints and tips.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CharityWell>

Fundraising Chat - Does what it says on the tin - It's for people who do charity/non-profit fundraising as a career to talk to each other about fundraising issues, share views and best practice. Its run and moderated by volunteers in the sector

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FundraisingChat>

The Lone Raisers – A group for sole fundraisers or those with sole responsibility for fundraising within their role. Affiliated with the CloF and a great place to chat through things with people in similar situations to you

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TheLoneRaisers>

SUMMIT Major Donor Fundraising Group – Run by the awesome Louise Morris, This is a space to connect with others who want to raise more large gifts from high-net-worth individuals to do more good.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3236816829745681>

Corporate Fundraisers – A group for corporate fundraisers to connect and chat

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/341335407079432>

Corporate Fundraising Chat - similar to above focusing on small or medium charities who are trying to move into corporates

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/540425959925517>

Public Fundraising Specialists - Individual Giving, Community and Events – Run by Sarah Goddard this group has everything you need to know about working in public fundraising (and Sarah is a legend in this area!)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/publicfundraising>

Furloughed Fundraisers Chat – Set up by Nikki Wrench and Claire James (among others) this is a group for furloughed fundraisers to connect and for others to share opportunities, training, etc.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/229754464809011>

There are so many more and this is just a short list!

Podcasts/Blogs/Websites – There are so many fundraising experts out there right now sharing their knowledge, sharing tips and offering training. Here are just a few I've found useful

Claire “Wellbeing” Warner – I cannot stress how much Claire has helped me through the pandemic with her free courses, support groups and simply being an amazing human!

Website www.claire-warner.com (also home of her amazing SHINE and virtual charity office)

Blog www.claire-warner.com/blog

Headline findings of her wellbeing research https://www.civilsociety.co.uk/fundraising/what-s-in-june-2020-s-issue-of-fundraising-magazine.html?fbclid=IwAR13h4h5dOg2BRKdEK2etj2_0mXfigGctmy45DVL0SUAmKnpBeHSd2Fo4_U

Sarah Goddard – Sarah is an expert public fundraising person – she shares blogs, tips, advice and all-round encouragement

Website <https://www.fundraisersarah.com/>

Fundraising Everywhere - Obviously! If you're not already a member please go check them out here <https://www.fundraisingeverywhere.com/>

Wayne Murray (Humanity Squared) – Just an all-around good egg! Twitter

<https://twitter.com/humanitysquared?lang=en>

Third Sector Podcast - <https://www.thirdsector.co.uk/podcasts>

What Donors Want - <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/alyssa-sweetman-daniel-kasper-bong-twitch/id1252602370?i=1000484584420>

Cracking Charity Chat - <https://bethcrackles.com/podcast/>

Charity Digital - <https://charitydigital.org.uk/podcasts/podcasts>

Fixing Fundraising - <https://open.spotify.com/episode/6upUoEeZzkyWox0c7hgjVW>

The Extra Mile podcast - <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/the-extra-mile-the-official-charity-miles-podcast/id1256271696>

The Charity Chat - <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/charitychat/id1054647652>

Do More Good - <https://www.domoregood.uk/episodes>

The Giving Thought - <https://www.cafonline.org/about-us/blog-home/giving-thought/podcasts-from-giving-thought/philanthropy-and-the-movies-podcast-from-rhodri-davies>

The Dodcast - <https://www.myname5doddie.co.uk/whats-on/articles/listen-to-the-first-dodcast!>