

## Campaigners call for artists to contribute to NHS 70th anniversary exhibition

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### **Press Release 11/06/2018, Keep Gloucestershire's NHS Public. Contact: James Beecher – 07734 058789**

- NHS funding exhibition, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 11-5pm, Lansdown Gallery
- Expert on PFI to speak at Opening night, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm
- Call for artists to produce posters based on quotes from Aneurin Bevan.
- Part of Keep Gloucestershire's NHS Public's "NHS 70 Stroud" events
- Crowdfunder has raised £496 from 20 people so far

The NHS was founded on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1948 and members of the Keep Gloucestershire's NHS Public campaign are kicking off their series of 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration events with a call to artists to contribute to an exhibition at the Lansdown Gallery from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

The campaigners are asking artists to create a poster based on one of seven quotes from Aneurin Bevan about the principles of the NHS (the quotes and more information are available at [NHS70Stroud.wordpress.com/call-to-artists](http://NHS70Stroud.wordpress.com/call-to-artists) ). The works will accompany a photographic exhibition by Marion Macalpine on Private Finance Initiatives or PFI, called "How Come We're Still Paying For This?"), as well as historic local images, and will then be submitted to [The World Transformed Festival](#) in Liverpool in September.

An opening night for the exhibition at Lansdown Gallery on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June from 6-9pm will feature Helen Mercer, a recently retired as a Senior Lecturer in Economics at Greenwich University and founding member of [People vs PFI](#) , speaking about how to solve the problems PFI is causing in the NHS. The event, as well as the exhibition, is free entry.

The photographs have been described as a "Brilliant, eye-opener exhibition!" and a "Superb

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gallery show. Very clear and hard hitting.” More information is available at [NHS70Stroud.wordpress.com/exhibition](https://www.nhs70stroud.wordpress.com/exhibition)

The exhibition will be open from 11-5pm daily at the Lansdown Gallery on Lansdown Road from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June. It forms part of Keep Gloucestershire’s NHS Public’s series of activities to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NHS – which include offering transport to a national celebration and demonstration in London on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June, and holding a picnic, party and series of talks in Lansdown Hall and Bank Gardens on the 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Campaigners with Keep Gloucestershire’s NHS Public launched their programme of activities over the weekend, and copies are now available around Stroud and the rest of the county. The full programme and further information is available at: [NHS70Stroud.wordpress.com](https://www.nhs70stroud.wordpress.com) . The events – which are all free entry – are supported by an [online crowdfunder, which has raised &#x00A3;496](#) from 20 people so far.

Spokesperson for KGNP, James Beecher, said: “We’re really excited to be kicking off our celebrations of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NHS. Bevan’s book ‘In Place of Fear’ is a great piece of work on the founding principles of the NHS which we think are worth reflecting on today – we look forward to seeing contributions from artists to the quotes we’ve picked out”.

One of the quotes from Aneurin Bevan, the Health Minister at the time of the introduction of the NHS, reads: “The essence of a satisfactory health service is that the rich and the poor are treated alike, that poverty is not a disability, and wealth is not advantaged.”

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