

## FundWell

### *A Swift Summary of Wellbeing Stuff for Funders*

*April's edition of FundWell is curated by Dom Kelly of [New Disabled South](#)*

I have been a student and practitioner of [disability justice](#) for a long time, and while organizing in movements in and outside of DJ spaces, I have seen firsthand how easy it is for our frontline people to burn out, for our organizations to fall apart, and for our movements to die. At [New Disabled South](#), the organization I founded and lead, we know that the sustainability of our movements, and the wellbeing of our communities, hinges on whether philanthropy aligns with the principles of disability justice. Funding models that prioritize accessibility, leadership of disabled people, sustainability, and long-term infrastructure are key to building stronger, healthier, more resilient movements. In this edition, we're highlighting examples of tools for shifting funding practices toward care for the most impacted and conversation starters to bring these ideas into your organizations. [Only 0.1% of philanthropic dollars goes to disability rights and justice work](#), but if we shift the model for funding to help build resilient movements, we can also see that funding increase.



Image Description: A group of disabled people wearing masks sit in a circle having a conversation about disability justice and liberation.

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### FundWell Essentials

#### Disability Justice: An Audit Tool

A tool for organizations to assess and improve their disability justice practices, grounded in leadership by disabled people. [Explore the tool here.](#)

#### Applying a Disability Justice Framework to Grantmaking

Through my work as a [consultant and trainer](#), I developed this guide for grantmakers to apply a disability justice framework to their funding practices. [Learn more here.](#)

#### Meeting the Moment, Keeping the Momentum

Borealis Philanthropy put out a phenomenal report on how funders can shift to a liberatory funding practice through the lens of racial equity, which is relevant to disability justice. [Read the report here.](#)

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### Talking Points: pick one and start a conversation!

- Are we ready to hold ourselves accountable to disabled communities - beyond compliance?
- What would it look like if we treated disability justice as integral to all of our funding strategies?
- How can we build funding models that center liberation, not charity?

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### Words on Wellbeing

*"Disability justice is a vision and practice of a world in which all bodies are valued and supported."* -Patty Berne, Sins Invalid

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How does your funding organisation define wellbeing? Does it support wellbeing for its stakeholders? [Reflect and share here, in the Funders + Wellbeing Survey.](#)

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