



# annual report

APRIL 2008 - MARCH 2009



## ○ **introduction** |

This report tells you what we have done from April 2008 to March 2009.

The last few years have seen a lot of changes at Manchester People First. We have grown from a small self-advocacy group to become a company and a charity. We employ more people than ever before and have helped adults with a learning disability have more of a say in how services for them are run.

## ○ **members and directors** |

We have over 500 members. Our directors are:

- ▶ Louisa Burton
- ▶ Edward Kane
- ▶ Joseph Rooney

## ○ **our staff are** |

- ▶ Stephen Hughes, Project Manager
  - ▶ Andy Needle, Project Co-ordinator
  - ▶ David Dunnico, Accessible Information Worker
  - ▶ Derek Owen, Admin Support Worker
  - ▶ Maureen Day, Service Audit Co-ordinator
  - ▶ Stephen Blake, Service Audit Assistant
  - ▶ Louise Crowley, Service Audit Assistant
  - ▶ Christopher Kenny, Service Audit Assistant
  - ▶ Michelle Kozak, Service Audit Assistant
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## new offices |

We have settled into our new offices.

We now have a small garden thanks to help from staff at the Co-op.

We share the offices with OPAL, a group for older adults with learning disabilities.

## what we have done |

Over the last year we have worked with lots of different groups.

We have done and given training, held events such as the Your Job Links employment fair, been to conferences and meetings.

We have put on courses for our members, ran drama workshops and a photography workshop, had trips out and open days.

We joined with Opal, Landridge House and Venture Arts and did the 10km Greater Manchester Run.

## working with others |

We worked with more groups than ever including:





## service audit project |

Since August 2007 we have run a project to inspect services for learning disabled people on behalf of the Joint Commissioning Team. We employ 4 adults with learning disabilities to do this work. So far, we have inspected 36 houses, managed by 7 different service providers.



## partnership board |

Our members play a big part in the Manchester Learning Disability Partnership Board, who look at what services are available for people with a learning disability. The Board meets 6 times a year at our offices. We also produce their newsletter, and their web site: [www.partnershipboard.org](http://www.partnershipboard.org)



## just info |

Our accessible information project has carried on making written information easier to understand by doing work for groups including Remploy, Manchester City Council, the National Lottery, NHS Manchester, Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive and others.





## south |

We will be setting up a new self-advocacy service in Wythenshawe for the south side of Manchester and a new Young Persons Parliament. We will employ a new member of staff to do this work.

## newsletter |

Our newsletter 'Speak Up' comes out 4 times a year and tells you what we have been doing and what we are planning.



## thank you |

Thanks to everyone who has taken part and helped us do our work over the last year. We look forward to seeing you all in the coming year.





## **Manchester People First Limited and Unlimited Accounts 2008/2009**

### **Income (Money coming into MPF)**

Consultancy and Training	£4,476
Books and Videos	£ 384
Just Information Project	£6,640
Support	£8,404
Grants	£118,208

Other Income (MPF Unlimited): £59,602

Made up of

£43,383 Transferred to MPF Ltd Company

£13,814 Uncategorised (PB Meeting/P&P/Laptop)

£2,405 Account Interest

**Total Income £197,714**

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## Expenditure (what we spent)

Accountancy/Legal Fees/Bank Charges	£3,968
Meeting Costs	£5,335
Wages and on costs	£95,431
Rent & Services	£15,206
Room Hire	£2,065
Insurance	£1,363
Light, Heat and Power	£2,376
Telephone	£1,854
Postage and Stationary	£4,914
Sundries	£1,097
Rates & Water	£1,783
Equipment	£12,624
Pubs & Subs	£ 414
Travel & Volunteer Expenses	£2,322

## Other Expenditure

Equipment Depreciation	£756
Total Expenditure	£151,508
Net Income	£46,206
Money brought forward	£43,383
Surplus (Deficit)	£2,823

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