

Manchester People First



Annual Report 2010 to 2011



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Welcome

This Annual Report tells you about what we have been doing from April 2010 to March 2011.

Our mission statement

Our mission is for all learning disabled people in Manchester to have control over their lives, make their own choices and be confident self-advocates.

We will work with other groups to help us reach our goal.

We will be brave and strong in how we support people.

We will be positive and move forward together.

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Directors, committee and staff

Board of Directors: Edward Kane, Nadim Akram and Louisa Burton

Co-opted Management Committee: Joseph Rooney, Brian Mitchell and

Shirley Ryder. **Staff:** Stephen Hughes (Project Manager), Andy Needle

(Project Administrator), Derek Owen (Admin Support Worker), David

Dunnico (Just Info), **Audit Project staff:** Ged Ratchford (Audit Support

Worker), Stephen Blake, Christopher Kenny, Rosie Cairns, Michelle Kozak

and Louise Crowley (Audit Assistants). **South MPF staff:** Barry Hills and Jodie

Deegan. **Club 3:** Nora Gardner, Louise Wilson, Delroy Sterling and John Bee.



South Office

Our South Office opened in 2009 and has gone from strength to strength. Two staff help run social groups including a Men's Group, a cookery and a singing group, 'Culture Vultures' for people interested in the arts and 'Wings and Wheels' for those interested in transport. We held a Personal Awareness and Community Education course and been the venue for regular talks from the fire brigade, health service and others.

Our two offices are third party reporting centres for hate crime and we worked with Voice UK to run a keeping safe group for 30 people.



The South office run the Young People's Parliament which gives a voice to people under 25 who have a learning disability and live in Manchester. We elected members and in September 2010 held a Grand Opening at Manchester Town Hall with the Mayor, MPs Tony Lloyd and Paul Goggins and City Councillors. They welcomed the members and wished them luck.

Just Info

Our accessible information project continues to do work for outside groups to make their information easier to understand. We have helped The Manchester College, Working it Through Together, the CPS and others.

Service Audit Assistants



Our project has carried on inspecting services for people with a learning disability by visiting them in their own homes and asking them what they think. We visited a number of day centres doing the same thing. We have also took part in more training sessions at the Police's Sedgley Park Training Centre. We said goodbye to support worker Andrew Hughes and hello to Ged Ratchford, goodbye to Michelle Kozak and hello to a new Audit Assistant, Rosie Cairns.





Opal



We share our office with Older and Positive About Life who provide a service for up to 20 adults with a learning disability who are over 55. Staff members Peter and Stacey moved on, and Joan Pendlebury and Duncan Holt joined Senior Support Worker Julie Vernon.

Club 3



Our twice-weekly social group for young adults has 20 active members. Mike McKenna got it up and running and handed over to Nora Gardner. John Bee joined the team.

Working with others



We carried on speaking up for adults with learning disabilities to other groups. The Manchester Learning Disability Learning Partnership Board meets every other month at our office and we produce their 'Together' newsletter and their website: www.partnershipboard.org.


We take part in the Advocacy Forum, which brings together advocacy services across Manchester. We continue to work with the Crown Prosecution Service, Victim Support and Greater Manchester Police particularly about the serious issue of Disability Hate Crime.

We have also worked with Breakthrough UK.





Training

 We ran a series of workshops throughout the year for 10 to 15 members covering Food Safety, First Aid, and music when Opal and MPF produced their own CD. James from Venture Arts ran a 10-week arts project on monsters and scary worlds, which was exhibited at The Lowry Centre. The New Year started with more from Venture Arts when Alena ran a pottery course.

We also offered student placement and volunteering opportunities to health care staff of the future.

Social events

It's not all been work. As usual we have had lots of fun at social events including our birthday barbecue celebrating 2 years in our building with OPAL.

The highlight of the year was our Christmas 2010 Party, magnificently organised for 200 people by the Co-op. It was the best yet. OPAL member Cyril said it was, "absolutely marvelous", Derek said he, "really enjoyed" himself. We would like to very publically thank the Co-op team, especially Cathy Hill and Scott Macadam.

We have had another busy year at Manchester People First and are looking forward to 2011 and 2012 – which will see us celebrating 20 years of self-advocacy in Manchester.



Accounts April 2010 to March 2011

This is a basic simplified version of what money we got and what we spent. Please ask if you want to see a full copy of the accounts.

These accounts were checked and prepared by:

Cadishead Accountancy Service

Britannic House

657 Liverpool Road

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Income (money coming in)

Consultancy and Training £ 1,130

Just Info Project £2,375

Support £5,613

Grants £295,993

Other income

Donations £720

Interest £520

Other Income £7,859

Total of Income £314,210



Expenditure (bills we have to pay)

Accountancy/Legal/Bank Charges £2,432
Meeting Costs £3,978
Wages/Pension/Recruitment/Staff Training £163,646
Rent & Services £27,330
Professional Fees £5,920
Insurance £1,421
Light, Heat and Power £1,655
Telephone/Internet £2,269
Print, Post and Stationery £6,843
OPAL £91,800
Sundries £4,643
Rates & Water £876
Equipment £3,261
Publications and Subscriptions £569
Travel £1,650
Volunteer Expenses £175

Total of Bills £318,468

Equipment Depreciation -£338

Grand Total of Bills: £318,806

Grand Total of Income: £314,210

Surplus {Deficit} {£4,596}



Thank You to

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Anna Fedescko, RADAR, Alyson Keating from Manchester College, Redcourt Outward Bounds Centre, Rebecca from Business In The Community, Emerge Recycling, J.W. Mettrick and Son Butchers, Jean Holt and Clare Evans (Speech and Language Therapists), Carole Ellis (Community Nurse), The Spread Eagle Public House, Greg Forster from St Wilfrids Church Northenden, Leah Rainbow from Pure Innovations, Food Futures and Zest. Thank you also to all the carers and parents who have supported us over the 12 months

A final thanks goes to Mrs Kane, who we are sad to say has died. She was a great supporter of ours over the years. She was involved with her son Edward, she came to most of our parties and wrote poems and articles for our first few newsletters – she will be greatly missed.