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SPEAK UP

Newsletter from Manchester People First



Drama group's big Xmas hit



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New club for young adults
with a learning disability

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The Voice of the Learning Disabled

What we do

Manchester People First is run by and for learning disabled adults and is independent of all services.

We give training, support and advice to learning disabled adults and professionals and campaign for disabled peoples rights.

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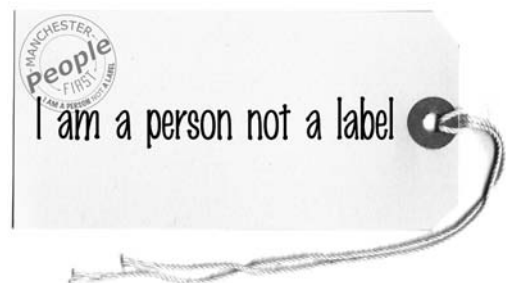
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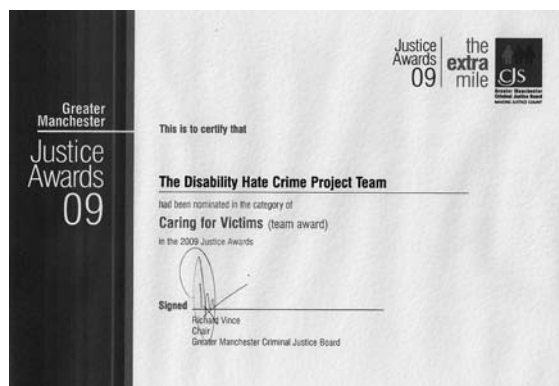
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News

Award



People First shared an award at the 2009 Greater Manchester Justice Awards. Stephen and Edward picked up a certificate at the ceremony held at Manchester's Bridgewater Hall on 20 November. The certificate from Greater Manchester Criminal Justice Board was awarded to the Disability Hate Crime Project Team in the Caring for Victims category. It was for our work with the CPS in organising a Hate Crime Conference at Manchester Town Hall last year.



Greater Manchester
POLICE

We have become a 3rd party crime reporting centre

Have you been a victim or witness to a crime?
If you are worried about going to a Police station, there is a new way to report crimes.

People First's offices in Cheetham Hill and Sharston have become reporting centres. These where people with a disability can go and report crimes to trained staff who will pass details on to the Police.



News



We had our biggest ever Christmas party on 10 December at the St. Boniface's Social Club in Salford. Nearly 200 people came to the event, which was organised for us by the Co-op as part of their Business in the Community programme.



We held the party jointly with Landridge House and Venture Arts. There was music, karaoke, an X-factor competition with cash prizes and live entertainment from Magician Devlin. Plus a big raffle with a top prize of a flat screen TV and a great buffet.



Members of Manchester People First and Opal put on a drama presentation called 'Adventures in Musical World'. The group has worked for months with drama workers Sue and Gill, who put the show together.

A big thanks to all the Co-op staff, who worked so hard for so long to put on the event.

Xmas Special Report

We enjoyed a good time over Christmas and had lots of events for members to get together and celebrate.



The Christmas celebrations didn't stop with our party. Staff at the office cooked and served a full slap-up Christmas dinner for People First and members of Opal.

Thanks to Food Futures who gave us a grant, which paid for the meal and bought the cooker to cook it on.



Young Peoples' Parliament 2010



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Where is it?

New office block on
Cheetham Hill Road!



Top 5's



Opal's student placement Efua Brako picks her top 5 cartoons beginning with the letter 'F'

1. Flintstones
2. Family Guy
3. Futurama
4. Fireman Sam
5. Flowerpot Men



3 facts Did you know?

1. You can download our annual report?
2. You can report crimes at our offices?
3. Jodie has started for us?

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News From Down South!



Our newest member of staff is Jodie Deegan, who will be working at our South office on the Young People's Parliament project. Jodie lives in Wythenshawe and is 20. She likes playing and watching football and supports Manchester United. As well as sports, she likes watching TV, going on the internet and listening and dancing to music, especially Pink, who she saw in concert.



The Young People's Parliament is going well. We have had 2 Open Days – one at Cheetham Hill and one at Sharston. Over 25 young people turned up to each event. Barry who works with Jodie at the South office, has been visiting schools, colleges and youth clubs to tell people about the parliament.

Barry has also met Paul Goggins, the MP for Wythenshawe to tell him about what we are doing.

Service Audit Project Audit support worker job

21 hours a week £16,991–£18,937 pro rata

Based in North Manchester but working across the city.

You will organise and support a small team of adults with learning disabilities to inspect services and produce reports.

- Closing Date: 18 February
- Interviews 2 March
- Start Date: 6 April 2010



Download details and an application form from: www.manpf.org
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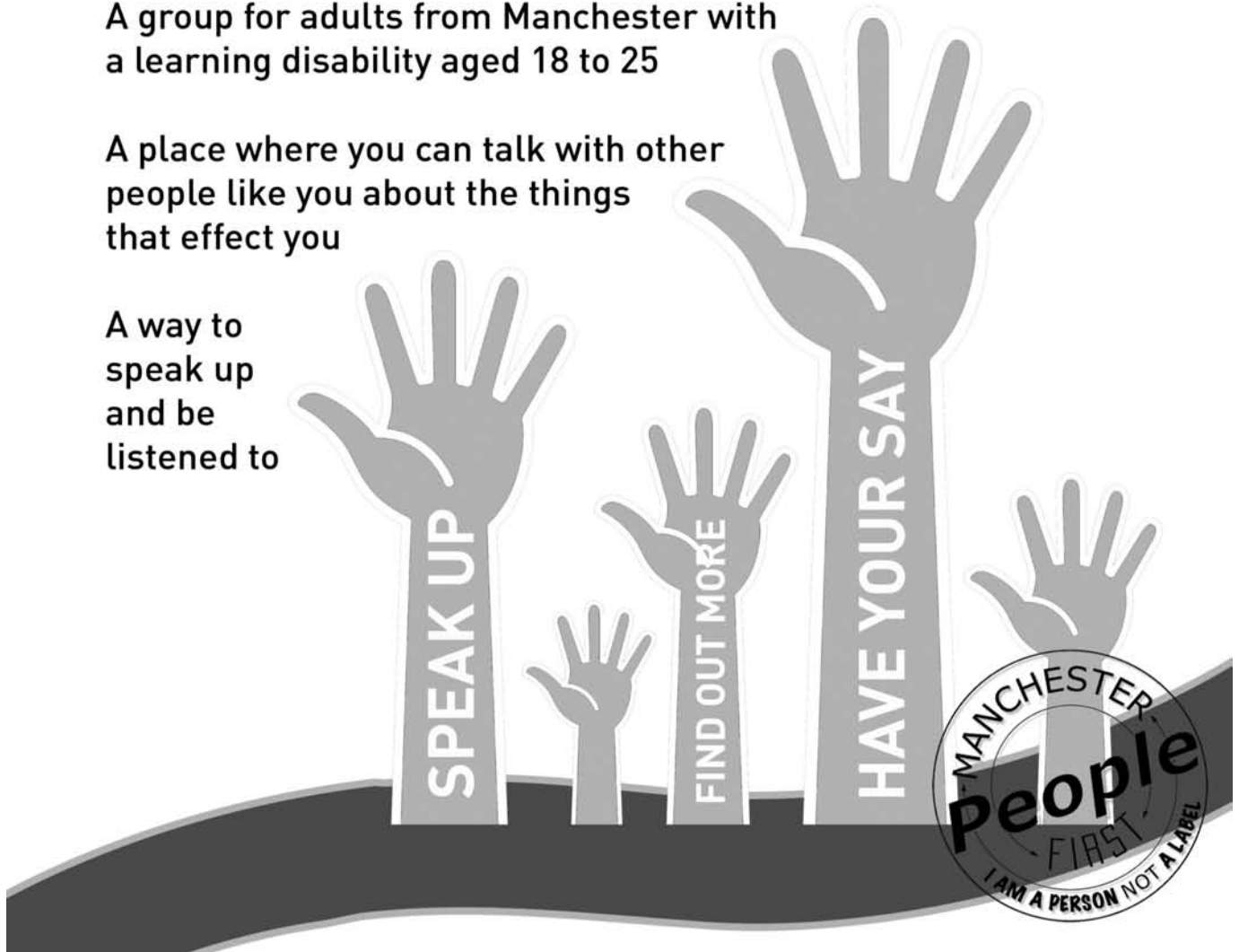
Young Peoples' Parliament

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A group for adults from Manchester with a learning disability aged 18 to 25

A place where you can talk with other people like you about the things that effect you

A way to speak up and be listened to





**Tuesdays and
Wednesdays
5 to 9pm**

Ring: Mike 07841 405 898

Email: socialclub3@googlemail.com

Arts & Crafts

**Cooking
Skills
BBQ**

A new club from Manchester People First and Landridge House for people with a learning disability aged 18 to 30, who want to meet new people, take charge of their lives and enjoy themselves.

Come and meet the staff and take part or relax.

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Free talk

from Andy Ferns of
Greater Manchester Fire Service
for adults with a learning disability



Fire Safety in the home

Wednesday 17 February 2010
1:30 to 3:30pm

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