



Manchester People First Annual Report 2004

Who we are and thanks to ...

Committee 2004

Daniel Docherty Chairperson
(resigned)

Richard Hughes Chairperson

Edward Kane: Vice-Chair

Patricia Phillips: Secretary

Joseph Rooney: Treasurer

Leo Bond

Josie Ryan

Michael Neary (co-opted)

Sharon Morgan (resigned)

Staff

Stephen Hughes: Project Manager

Andy Needle: Project Co-ordinator

Derek Owen: Admin Support

David Dunnico: Development
Worker (Friday Group) & Designer
(Just Info)

Chris Sullivan: Development
Worker (Friday Group South
Manchester)

Thank you

We would like to thank the following people and groups (in no particular order) for their help and support over the last year and apologise to anyone we have forgot to mention!

Values into Action; Councillor Sue Cooley (Manchester City Council); Denise Price (Primary Care Trust); Manchester Learning Disability Partnership Board; Jean Roper (Manchester Health Authority); Millhouse; Northfields; Iain Carson & John Wattana, (Manchester University); Helen Connor (Community Exchange); George, Sahira & Morag (Community Accountants); Enda Moran (Manchester Social Services); Marcia Bromley (Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive); Sam McCormack (A.L.L. Community Network); Ian Winstanley (Mencap); Mrs Kane; Unity Trust Bank, Terry, Yvonne & Desi (Breakthrough UK); Jane (Sullivan Sandwiches); Community Chest (VAM); Kelloggs; Manchester Area Resource Centre; St Helens Peoples Choice; Bury People First; Pegeen Murphy & Lesley Allen (Greater Manchester Police Authority); Joanna Gunther (Student); Terry Elliot & Dave Taylor (GMP Respect Board); All Members of Manchester People First, all People First Groups.



Chairperson

Daniel Docherty

My name is Daniel and I was chair of MPF for the first six months of the year. I had to step down as chair because I moved house and needed to spend more time at my new home.

I have been developing a new group called 'Good As You 2', for gay, lesbian and bi-sexual learning disabled people.

The group has now got around 16 – 20 members and is progressing nicely. The group organises social meetings and sometimes training if asked.

We recently went to London to tell others about the group. People were very impressed that the group is run by and for gay and lesbian learning disabled adults.

Goodbye for now.



Chairperson

Richard Hughes

Hello I was vice chair up until six months ago, when Daniel resigned as Chairperson.

I would like to thank Daniel for all his hard work over those six months and wish him good luck for the future.

Over the last year in the Partnership Board we have discussed different things like housing, employment and person centred planning and lots of other issues.

We have had different visitors from different organisations. We have also recently started producing a newsletter for the board, which goes out to around 750 people in Manchester.

I hope to see you all in our new offices over the next few months and at the Annual General Meeting.

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Vice-Chair

Edward Kane

Hi everybody, me again!

Over the past year we have really been busy doing lots of different training, for both professionals and learning disabled adults.

We have been to St. Helens, to train some learning disabled adults and help them to set up their own self-advocacy group. The days have been very interesting but informal and we have really enjoyed going there to pass on our skills.

We also attended Calderdale College in Halifax, where we presented a session about "What we thought and wanted from college".

We spoke to teachers and staff who wanted to discover what having a learning disability was all about.

Thanks very much for reading, see you all at the AGM or Xmas party.

E Kane



Treasurer

Joseph Rooney

Hello Joseph here. I have been the Treasurer for the past 12 months, which I have really enjoyed. As Treasurer I have to attend committee meetings once a month. Usually on the first Monday of each month. It can be hard work sometimes.

Back in July, I went to Manchester United Football Club to an event called 'Disability Today'. Not only did I go but I also presented a report on my health. I spoke about keeping fit, eating healthy food and my diabetes. I did a twenty minute presentation on the computer and it was shown to both professionals and people with a learning disability.

Afterwards I went around all the stalls and collected lots of useful information. I am also hoping to do another presentation in the future.

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Secretary

Patricia Phillips

Hello I have been the secretary for the past 6 months since Edward moved to the Vice Chair job.

Over the past 12 months, I have not been at the office as much as I wanted to, as I have been moving from my flat in Whalley Range to a new one in Higher Blackley. Hopefully in the near future I will be moving out again, but this time into my own flat. I hope I will be really happy in my own flat.

At People First I have been attending committee meetings every month on a Monday between 1pm - 3pm. I hope to see you all at our new offices in the coming months. Until then take care and goodbye.



This year Manchester People First started a new project called 'Just Info' to produce information that is easy for everybody to understand.

We have been very successful and won the contract to produce the Manchester Learning Disability Partnership Board's regular newsletter in print and audio versions.

Partnership

We have also done a big guide to accessible meetings for Manchester Disabled Persons Access Group, minutes for a Manchester Council Committee, a visitors pass for Manchester Town Hall and a guide for Greater Manchester Criminal Justice Board.

There is a big need to make accessible information. We hope to be getting some funding to buy equipment so we can do more.



Project Manager

Stephen Hughes

Hello everyone and welcome to our annual report.

Manchester People First has grown in both size and work load in the past year.

We are now in our new offices and are settling in well. We have more space and room for people to get around in the office as well as more space for collecting rubbish.

We are involved in the Partnership Board and are on many sub groups; housing, health, person centred planning, workforce development as well as employment and modernising day services, so you can see this keeps us busy.

We have also run lots of training events in the last year, health being the most important. We ran a set of workshops to help people understand their health needs. We also ran some employment workshops, this helped people

think about what would be needed if they decided to go to work.

We were also kept busy training other groups around the area, from St Helens to Preston

Next year looks just as busy with workshops already decided upon, partnership board work to continue and more people to train. Manchester People First is a positive and exciting place to work.

We have groups of self advocates in Gorton, Wythenshawe and Abraham Moss, and are looking all the time to get more people involved, so if you would like to be involved please get in touch, and we will do our best to help you reach one of your local groups.

Best wishes for now.

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Gorton Friday Group

David Dunnico

The Friday Group meets each Friday from 2-4pm at Gorton Community Centre.

In August we elected a new committee.

Friday Group

We have had speakers from groups such as Ring & Ride and the Fire Brigade. We have been on trips to exhibitions, museums and meals out.

We have had some computer training from Learn Direct at Gorton On-Line Centre. We have just launched our own website at www.fridaygroup.org. We have even adopted a donkey at the sanctuary in Debdale Park. Thanks to a grant from 'Healthy Gorton' we have bought a pool table and some sports equipment. We have published a regular newsletter and carried on getting new members.

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South Friday Group

Chris Sullivan

Hi Everybody. I have been employed to set up some 'Speak Up' groups that are to run each Friday. So far, there have been a few problems in trying to do this. However we are now making some progress.

A group of people from Crossacres Day Centre are now meeting every week at Benchill Community Centre in Wythenshawe. The group will look at issues that affect their lives such as health, transport, housing and employment etc. We will be inviting people from these areas to come and talk with us to give us the information we need.

We aim to make changes where they are needed. The first weeks will be planning meetings to find out what things are really important to the group. The idea is to look at some serious issues but have a bit of fun doing it. Speak to you all soon.



Project Co-ordinator

Andy Needle

Welcome to my report and the People First annual report. Well what a year it has been already. I would like to thank everyone at Breakthrough for all they have done for us over the past five years and a special thank you goes to Rob Riley and ALL the admin/reception staff. It was very hard leaving old friends at Breakthrough but we had simply run out of space and out-grown our old offices.

I hope you have ALL been to our new offices and had a chance to have a look around. If not, why not pop down, have a look about and have a brew and a chat. Just give us a ring.

The rest of the year has gone so quickly; we have been that busy in the office. We are now managing different groups. This causes a lot more administrative work around the accounting for each of these different groups and setting up each group has been hard work.

We have also had our usual events like the Commonwealth Reunion Games, health workshops, health conference, transport conference and Men's Group. The newsletter has also been going out regularly, I hope you have been reading it.

We have been out training other people as well like the new police recruits at the Bruches training academy. They are the new police officers who will be on your street soon. We have been to St Helens, helping to train a group of learning disabled adults to form their own self advocacy group like ours in Manchester.

Finally I would like to thank the committee for the past twelve months and Stephen for all his hard work and David for helping take some of the strain—thanks see you all soon.

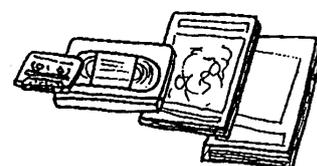
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Summary of Accounts



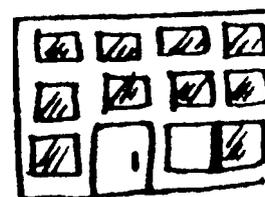
Money in

	2004	2003
Grants:	£112,132	£60,385
Other income (books/training):	£26,683	£11,205
TOTAL IN:	£138,815	£71,599



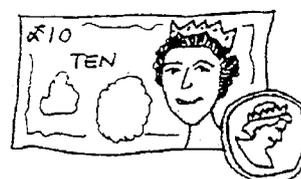
Money out

	2004	2003
Conferences & groups	£14,729	£5,966
Staff (wages/travel)	£70,533	£40,432
Printing/postage	£6,521	£3,138
Rent/room hire/phone	£6,438	£6,908
Admin charges	£2,289	£2,156
Travel/volunteers	£7,807	£4,581
Other	£723	£1,322
TOTAL OUT	£109,040	£64,503



Money Over

£29,775 **£7,096**



Income 2003/2004

At time of printing, these accounts were still in draft form.
Copies of the fully audited accounts are available on request.

Item	2004	2003
Grants:		
Manchester Health Authority	£47,977	£46,807
European year of Disabled People	£8,000	£-
Learning Disability Development Fund	£10,000	£-
GMPTTE & Dept of Work and Pensions	£2,820	£433
Community Exchange	£425	£-
Central Manchester Primary Care Trust	£1,000	£-
Salford Learning Difficulty Team	£27,111	£-
Community Fund	£-	£4,850
Stonewall	£-	£4,587
VAM (Community Chest)	£-	£2,250
VAM (Commonwealth Games)	£951	£-
VAM (Employment Workshops)	£675	£-
Mencap	£1,000	£-
Bury People First	£8,631	£-
VIA-YPG	£3,542	£1,458
Other income:		
Sale of books, videos etc.	£2,326	£1,271
Training and Consultancy	£21,874	£8,663
Donations	£125	£-
Other income	£2,358	£1,271
TOTAL	£138,815	£71,599

Expenditure 2003/2004

Item	2004	2003
Employment costs	£70,468	£39,709
Staff travel	£1,801	£2,301
Staff training (inc. MMU & Conference)	£65	£723
Sub-contract work/therapeutic earnings	£677	£729
Advertising	£951	£-
Actors Extraordinaire Drama Group	£715	£1,039
Bullying Conference	£440	£1,570
Friday Group project	£2,000	£225
Commonwealth Games	£155	£-
Employment Workshop	£270	£-
Health Conference	£160	£-
Arts Group	£1,200	£-
Young Persons Group	£5,000	£-
Management fees	£-	£980
Volunteer expenses & travel	£5,329	£1,551
Rent and services	£4,704	£5,548
Room hire	£50	£-
Printing & photocopying	£3,892	£1,610
Post	£1,128	£935
Stationery	£1,501	£593
Telephone/fax	£1,684	£1,360
Insurance	£416	£579
Accountancy & payroll	£678	£561
Publications & subscriptions	£248	£185
Bad debts written off	£-	£34
Minor equipment/furniture	£119	£858
Meeting costs & AGM/EGM	£4,789	£3,132
Penalties & charges	£200	£-
Bank charges	£44	£36
Sundries	£356	£38
Depreciation	£-	£207
Total:	£109,040	£64,503
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	£29,775	£7,096

What we do:

Offer advice, information and support to our members.

Offer training for learning disabled people, their carers and professionals.

Campaign for equality.

Promote independence and freedom of choice.

Offer accessible information.

Run by and for learning disabled people.

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