

2006

Manchester People First Annual Report



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Hello
Welcome
Thank you

Hello and welcome to our annual report.

You can read about the busy year we have had running workshops, going to meetings and speaking up for people with a learning disability.

Now is an exciting time to be involved with Manchester People First. This year Salford Being Heard and Bury People First have become independent and are working hard to spread self-advocacy in their areas.

Next year, Manchester People First will be 15 years old – you are all invited to the party. See our newsletter for details.

We would like to thank all our members, funders and supporters for all their help over the past year.

Here's to the next 15 years.

Joseph Rooney – Chairperson
Edward Kane – Secretary
Richard Hughes – Vice Chair
and Louisa Burton
on behalf of the committee of MPF



Our Year

October 2005



We had our Annual General Meeting where members voted for a new committee. They met every month to say what People First should do.



November

The Manchester Learning Disability Partnership Board met every 2 months. We have played a big part in it's work. Members are on the sub-groups.



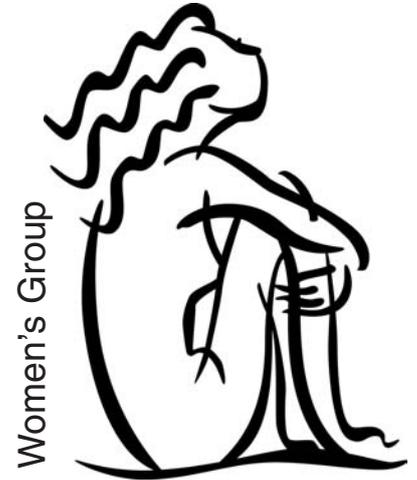
December

On 15 December we had our Christmas Party at the Irish Centre in Cheetham Hill. Over 100 members came.

January 2006



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MENS GROUP



The New Year saw the Men's Group planning their trips. We had an event where ex-policeman Steve, gave us training about how to avoid being a victim of crime.

February

We were busier than ever running a weekly self advocacy group at Landridge House; the day centre for adults with a learning disability in Harpurhey.

A person centred planning workshop took place at the office and more than 25 people came to the launch of our Black Group.

The end of the month saw the launch of a new People First Women's Group.



March



BULLYING WORKSHOPS

learning disability
today

We went to the Learning Disability Today event at the GMEX Centre. Then we started our first big series of workshops. Every Thursday in March we had a different event about bullying. People talked and used art and drama to look at how bullying effected them. This lead to a big conference at the St. Thomas Centre in Ardwick. Groups such as the Police, Victim Support and Respect for All, came together to listen to us. The Asian group at Himmat started.



April

We did a lot of work with Greater Manchester Police, visiting their head quarters; Chester House in Stretford.



May

Just Info our accessible information project, won a grant from Valuing People to help the project get bigger.



June

Rebecca's placement ended and we said hello to Lindsay who joined us as a cleaner. Paul joined Just Info to learn about desktop publishing. We held our second series of workshops. These were about health. Staff from Manchester Royal Infirmary asked us about problems we face using health services.



July

Hugh from Pannones Solicitors ran an interesting workshop on how to make a will.

We saw how the health service works with 2 visits to Crumpsall Hospital, where we looked at 2 wards and the accident and emergency department.



August

The Men's Group went on a train journey, the Women's Group went to a museum and the Asian Group went to a theme park.

September

We held our annual Reunion Games at Ardwick Sports Centre. Teams from Crossacres, Northfields, Landridge and Forrester House battled with People First. We won.



October... time to elect a new committee!

Accounts

Income Money In

Grants	£129861
Books and videos	£916
Training/consultancy	£23463
Donations	£123
Just Info	£4270
Other income	£1435

Total money in £160,068

Expenditure Money Out

Salaries	£121784
Staff travel	£2719
Staff raining	£641
Therapeutic earnings	£831
Advertising	£1407
Volunteers expenses	£1216
Rent and rates	£10203
Heat, light and water	£427
Room hire	£45
Printing, copying	£1079
Postage	£1148
Stationery	£1226
Phone & Internet	£2424
Insurance	£1148
Accountancy	£1355
Professionals fees	£374
Publications	£938
Equipment & furniture	£3108
Meeting and AGM	£6386
Bank charges	£17
Sundries	£32
Depreciation	£1481

Total money out £159,989

Surplus (Deficit) for the year £79



**This is a summary of what we got and what we spent.
Please ask if you want to see the full accounts.**

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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.

Committee for 2005/2006:

Chair: Joseph Rooney

Vice Chair: Richard Hughes

Treasurer: John Cookney

Secretary: Edward Kane

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