



Manchester People First Annual Report 2007 to 2008



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► Introduction

Hello and welcome to Manchester People First's Annual Report. This report goes from April 2007 to March 2008. It has been a year of change for the better. 2007 saw us celebrate 15 years of work and 2008 saw us become a limited company and a registered charity.

We have moved to new bigger offices and we employ more people to do more to develop self advocacy for adults with a learning disability.

► April 2007

We had an Open Day at our offices so people could see what goes on behind the scenes. We had a stall at a health event at Platt Lane training complex and finished our weekly advocacy group at Landridge House Day Centre.

► May 2007

With Mencap, we had an all day course about office health and safety. Later, we did a general first aid course with the British Red Cross.



▶ June 2007

We had a big party at the Irish Heritage Centre to celebrate our 15th birthday. 150 people came including the Lord Mayor of Manchester.

Our birthday carried on with a stall at Learning Disability Today. This is a big event held by a magazine for people who provide services. It was held at the Manchester City Football stadium and over 2,500 people came.

▶ July 2007

We also held our annual health workshops. Each week we worked on different theme looking at health issues such as food groups, healthy eating, having 5 fruit and vegetables a day, exercise, relaxation and weight.

▶ August 2007

We employed 4 learning disabled adults as Service Audit Assistants who work with the commissioners of services to check that what is being given is up to standard.



▶ September 2007

We did more to get ready to become a limited company.

▶ October 2007

Our annual general meeting had to be rearranged as no one turned up to the first one. It was our most important AGM for a long time, as we had to decide if we should become a limited company and a charity. The rearranged AGM voted in favour.

▶ November 2007

We held a job fair for learning disabled adults in partnership with Mencap. It was called Your Job Links and over 250 people came to see 20 stalls from different employers and take part in workshops about doing interviews. See: www.yourjoblinks.org

▶ December 2007

We were invited to Breakthrough's Independent Living Awards ceremony, which was a very posh event at Manchester City's stadium.



We got an achievement award for employing learning disabled people.

Our own Christmas Party at the Irish Centre was a happy end to the year.

▶ January 2008

We held an event with Ivan Lewis the Minister for Social Care, who spoke to over 100 of us about the new Valuing People Now white paper.

▶ February 2008

We went to a conference about Hate Crime. It was held at Wigan football ground and gave us the chance to tell people about the issues learning disabled people face.

▶ March 2008

We started our 7 week sexual health workshop, with Community Nurses from MLDP. The workshop was such a success we want to run it again. Let us know if you are interested.



► Accounts

Income

Grants £101,045
Books and Videos £5,052
Training and Consultancy £14,946
Donations £468
Other income £1,034
Bank Interest £3,296

Total £125,841

Expenditure

Salaries/Wages £71,835
Travel £1,064
Training £40
Volunteers expenses and travel £3,206
Rent, rates and services £11,331
Heat, light and water £1,554
Printing £7,080
Postage, £1,900
Stationery £548
Telephone/Internet £1,278
Insurance £667
Accountancy £1,269
Professional Fees £3,756
Publications and subscriptions £1,543
Equipment £483
Meetings costs £7,684
Bank Charges £91
Depreciation £1133

Total £116,462

Surplus (Deficit) for year £9,379

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- ▶ Manchester People First is a self advocacy group for adults with a learning disability.
- ▶ We are run by and for learning disabled adults.
- ▶ We are independent of all services.
- ▶ We give training, support and advice to learning disabled adults and professionals and campaign for disabled people's rights.



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