

# VCSE REPRESENTATION ON STRATEGIC BOARDS IN MANCHESTER



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**This is not a comprehensive list of strategic boards and partnerships in Manchester, but a highlight of key decision-making and influencing spaces that include VCSE representatives from the city. This document presents an overview of VCSE representation by thematic area and provides contact information for the boards. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, VCSE attendance in these spaces declined, and the Policy and Influence team at Macc is currently working to restore and enhance meaningful participation.**



## BUSINESS DOING GOOD ROUNDTABLE

<b>Purpose</b>	Set up by Shoosmiths, RSM and RBC Brewin Dolphin, this roundtable convenes charities and business to explore how they might collaborate for mutual benefit.
<b>Convener</b>	Shoosmiths
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Various
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Over 1 year
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# POVERTY

## GM COST OF LIVING RESPONSE GROUP

<b>Purpose</b>	A monthly cost of living response group brings together more than 50 people from across the city region – including council officers, housing providers, police and the voluntary sector – to share good practice, raise on-the-ground issues and showcase some of the support available. Currently under review.
<b>Convener</b>	Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA)
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Macc Resolve Poverty (formerly known as GMPA) Irish Community Care 10 GM
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Since 2022
<b>Contact</b>	Elaine Morgan, GMCA Principal Strategy Reform - elaine.morgan@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

## DIGITAL INCLUSION STEERING GROUP

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## DIGITAL INCLUSION WORKING GROUP

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## MANCHESTER LIVING WAGE ACTION GROUP

<b>Purpose</b>	In this group, convened by Manchester City Council and chaired by the Director of Inclusive Economy, the MCC are working with other employers to make Manchester a fair pay city. Some big employers, public and private, are already on board and came together as the Living Wage Action Group to develop an action plan. Anchor institutions have long been recognised as playing a key role in promoting a more inclusive economy and tackling poverty given their size, budgets and the fact that they are rooted in a place. Manchester's Living Wage Action Group features key champions from across the business, statutory and voluntary and community sectors.
<b>Convener</b>	Manchester City Council, Chaired by Angela Harrington, Director of Inclusive Economy
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Zara Hakobyan (Macc)
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Since 2023
<b>Contact</b>	Zara Hakobyan, Policy & Influence Manager at Macc - zara@macc.org.uk

## OUR MANCHESTER FOOD PARTNERSHIP

<b>Purpose</b>	Multi-agency partnership board led by MCC, working with food providers and suppliers across the city to engage in food related poverty strategy, which also include using food as a tool to engage with people regarding household costs, nutritional needs, period poverty and school uniform costs.
<b>Convener</b>	Manchester City Council
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Anna Tate (Macc) Various VCSE Groups, including Healthy Me, Healthy Communities, Manchester Central Foodbank
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Since 2021
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## MANCHESTER FOOD BOARD

<b>Purpose</b>	The Board works to provide clarity and strategic leadership on how food can be used to bring about positive, meaningful, and lasting change in Manchester. The Board's aim is to ensure the development of a food strategy for Manchester that: prevents malnutrition and hunger in vulnerable groups; makes diets more sustainable; builds a shared, sustainable food culture across society, and engages our ethnically diverse population.
<b>Convener</b>	Manchester City Council
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Richard Browning, Healthy Me Healthy Communities Atiha Choudry, The BME Network
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	
<b>Contact</b>	Zara Hakobyan, Policy and Influence Manager, Macc - zara@macc.org.uk



## MANCHESTER FUNDERS PARTNERSHIP

<b>Purpose</b>	The focus of this partnership is to work collaboratively to support Manchester to have the funding conditions in place to enable a vibrant, strong, diverse and thriving VCFSE sector.
<b>Convener</b>	Manchester City Council
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Mike Wild (Macc)
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Since 2020
<b>Contact</b>	Zara Hakobyan, Policy and Influence Manager, Macc - zara@macc.org.uk

## OUR MANCHESTER VCS PROGRAMME BOARD

<b>Purpose</b>	This programme board makes strategic and programme level decisions including resources, investment and funding round recommendations to tackle social issues. It reports to Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee on behalf of the VCSE sector and vice versa.
<b>Convener</b>	Manchester City Council
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Mike Wild (Macc)
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Since 2017
<b>Contact</b>	Zara Hakobyan, Policy and Influence Manager, Macc - zara@macc.org.uk

## OUR MANCHESTER INVESTMENT BOARD

<b>Purpose</b>	Manchester Investment Board provides strategic leadership on the implementation of the city's priorities set out in the Our Manchester strategy. It has accountability for the development and delivery of the Our Manchester Forum, whose membership is made up of senior stakeholders from a range of sectors across the city. The Forum was established in 2014 with the express intention of shaping Manchester's long-term strategy.
<b>Convener</b>	Manchester City Council
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Mike Wild (Macc) Adrian Ball (Manchester Settlement) Sam Palmer (Respect For All) Heather Etheridge (Manchester Youth Zone)
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	
<b>Contact</b>	Zara Hakobyan, Policy and Influence Manager, Macc - zara@macc.org.uk

## CITY-WIDE REFORM PROGRAMME STEERING GROUP

<b>Purpose</b>	The emphasis of the group is around system-wide change. It brings together GMP, GMFRS, NHS, MCC and VCSE colleagues to work together to address cross-cutting priorities - making the best use of our collective knowledge, skills, capacity and resource, this group drives the delivery of the system-wide Public Service Reform (PSR) programme in Manchester.
<b>Convener</b>	Manchester City Council
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Mike Wild (Macc) Adrian Ball (Manchester Settlement) Zara Hakobyan (Macc)
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Since 2024
<b>Contact</b>	Zara Hakobyan, Policy and Influence Manager, Macc - zara@macc.org.uk



## LGBTQ+ EQUALITY PANEL

<b>Purpose</b>	This group provides policy guidance and advice in relation to LGBTQ+ inclusion across Greater Manchester
<b>Convener</b>	LGBT+ Foundation in partnership with GMCA
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Finn Grice (LGBT+ Foundation)
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Since 2021
<b>Contact</b>	Finn Grice, Policy and Research Manager at the LGBT+ Foundation - finn.grice@lgbt.foundation

## GMCA TACKLING INEQUALITIES BOARD

<b>Purpose</b>	This board meets to discuss to policy delivered by GMCA with the aim of removing and reducing barriers to access GM residents facing intersections of identity and marginalisation
<b>Convener</b>	GMCA
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Finn Grice (LGBT + Foundation)
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Since 2024
<b>Contact</b>	Finn Grice, Policy and Research Manager at the LGBT+ Foundation - finn.grice@lgbt.foundation

# GREATER MANCHESTER PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT (PCIE) FORUM

<b>Purpose</b>	This forum is a network of GM VCSE organisations working with communities of identity to support inclusion and involvement in GM policy making
<b>Convener</b>	The Health & Wellbeing Alliance
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Finn Grice (LGBT+ Foundation)
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Since 2024
<b>Contact</b>	Finn Grice, Policy and Research Manager at the LGBT+ Foundation - finn.grice@lgbt.foundation

# DISABILITY



## MANCHESTER DISABILITY COLLABORATIVE STRATEGIC FORUM (formally Partnership Forum)

<b>Purpose</b>	This is the strategic group which leads on progressing the equalities agenda for the disabled people in the city. Manchester Disability Collaborative (MDC) is multi-agency partnership comprising of disabled people and their organisations (DPOs), VCSEs, as well as public and private sector organisations; all working towards the common goal of improving equality and inclusion of disabled people in Manchester.
<b>Convener</b>	Breakthrough UK
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Various VCSE's (Including Macc)
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Since 2023
<b>Contact</b>	Jas Taylor, MDC Engagement Coordinator - <a href="mailto:j.taylor@breakthrough-uk.co.uk">j.taylor@breakthrough-uk.co.uk</a>

# HOMELESSNESS



## MANCHESTER HOMELESSNESS PARTNERSHIP

<b>Purpose</b>	The Manchester Homelessness Partnership (MHP) unites people with personal experience of homelessness with organisations from different sectors, to co-produce solutions together to end homelessness.
<b>Convener</b>	Macc
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Various VCSE's, including but not limited to: Barnabus, Booth Centre, Lifeshare, Reach out to the Community, Coffee4Craig, Our Room, MASH, Justlife, Shared Health, Shelter, Greater Together Manchester Boaz Trust, GMIAU and On the Out
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Since 2016
<b>Contact</b>	Val Bayliss-Brideaux, Network and Communications worker for the Manchester Homelessness Partnership - val@macc.org.uk / info@mhp.org.uk

## MANCHESTER HOMELESSNESS STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP

<b>Purpose</b>	The aim of this group is to reduce homelessness in all its forms and in all population types, working together to provide a forum for multi-agency collaboration in a partnership approach.
<b>Convener</b>	Barnabus
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Various VCSE's, including but not limited to: Coffee4Craig, Our Room, Shelter, Shared Health, Boaz Trust, GMIAU
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Since 2016
<b>Contact</b>	Yvonne Hope, Barnabus - yvonne@barnabus.org

# MANCHESTER VCSE HOMELESSNESS FORUM

<b>Purpose</b>	The Manchester Homelessness Partnership (MHP) unites people with personal experience of homelessness with organisations from different sectors, to co-produce solutions together to end homelessness.
<b>Convener</b>	Our Room
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Various VCSE's, including but not limited to: Coffee4Craig, Our Room, Shelter, Shared Health, Boaz Trust, GMIAU
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Since 2024
<b>Contact</b>	Fergal McCullough, Our Room - fergal@ourroom.org.uk

# ASLYUM & MIGRATION

## NORTHWEST ASYLUM CONTRACT BOARD

<b>Purpose</b>	The objectives of the North West Asylum Contract Board include, but are not limited to facilitating asylum dispersal within the North West and providing a partnership approach to delivery between Local Authorities, the Home Office, Providers, Statutory, VCSE and Partners.
<b>Convener</b>	North West Regional Strategic Migration Partnership
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	GMIAU
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Over 3 years
<b>Contact</b>	Milly Mckinell from GM Sanctuary Seekers, Macc on emily.mckinnell@macc.org.uk

## LOCAL AUTHORITY OF SANCTUARY GOVERNANCE GROUP

<b>Purpose</b>	The aim of this space is to provide a strategic overview and governance of Manchester City Council becoming a Local Authority of Sanctuary; to drive improved outcomes for refugees and migrant communities in the city of Manchester; to ensure the voice of lived experience and those working with migrants is heard and is used to shape and plan activity. It also works to ensure the Council's communication strategy celebrates the diversity in the city, highlights and reinforces the message that its strength is in the diversity of the valuable contribution refugees and migrant communities brings to the city.
<b>Convener</b>	Manchester City Council
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Denise McDowell, GMIAU; Ben Gilchrist, Caritas; Patrick Masebo, MRSN; Liz Hibberd, Manchester City of Sanctuary
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	
<b>Contact</b>	Zara Hakobyan, Policy & Influence Manager at Macc - zara@macc.org.uk

# OLDER PEOPLE

## GREATER MANCHESTER OLDER PEOPLE'S EQUALITY PANEL (GMOPEP)

<b>Purpose</b>	The Older People's Equality Panel works with older people across Greater Manchester to amplify their diverse voices.
<b>Convener</b>	Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA)
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	John Mulvena (Macc)
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Since 2022
<b>Contact</b>	John Mulvena, GMOPN - <a href="mailto:john.mulvena@macc.org.uk">john.mulvena@macc.org.uk</a>

# COMMUNITY SAFETY



## MANCHESTER COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

<b>Purpose</b>	Multi agency partnership board which meet to discuss a range of thematic concerns related to community Safety including, crime, anti-social behaviour, fire, drugs, school truancy, hate crime etc.
<b>Convener</b>	Manchester City Council's Community Safety Partnership team
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Anna Tate (Macc) Chris Moorhouse (Macc)
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Since 2018
<b>Contact</b>	Anna Tate, Senior Policy and Influence Development Worker at Macc - anna@macc.org.uk Samantha Stabler - s.stabler@manchester.gov.uk Joanne Davies - joanne.davies6@manchester.gov.uk

## MANCHESTER SERIOUS VIOLENCE BOARD

<b>Purpose</b>	Manchester's Serious Violence Board ensures effective oversight of responses to serious violent crime and the implementation (ensuring prevention, early intervention and safeguarding are integrated to our responses) in the city of Manchester. The Board oversees the implementation of the Serious Violence Duty through a public health approach and drive to support partnership working to ensure visibility for overlapping areas such as safeguarding.
<b>Convener</b>	Community Safety Partnership Board
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Chris Moorhouse (Macc)
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Since 2024
<b>Contact</b>	Chris Moorhouse, Macc - chris@macc.org.uk Jenna Southern, Serious Violence Manager at Manchester City Council - jenna.southern@manchester.gov.uk





## MANCHESTER PARTNERSHIP BOARD

<b>Purpose</b>	The Manchester Partnership Board is a Committee or Sub-Committee of the NHS GM Integrated Care Board (ICB), and brings together the senior leaders of the City Council, NHS (primary, secondary and community and mental health services) and the VCSE from across the city to exercise those functions delegated to it by NHS GM. Its role is to focus on shared priorities; those areas where, by working together, we can improve the health and well-being of the people of Manchester.
<b>Convener</b>	Chaired by Councilor Bev Craig
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Simone Spray, 42nd Street Charity Mike Wild (Macc)
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	
<b>Contact</b>	Zara Hakobyan, Policy & Influence Manager at Macc - zara@macc.org.uk

## HDRC MANCHESTER STEERING GROUP

<b>Purpose</b>	The purpose of HDRCs is to boost research capacity and capability within local government. The aim is to embed a culture of evidence-informed decision making, with a particular focus on using research findings to understand how Council decisions around the determinants of health impact on health outcomes and health inequalities. The group brings together the MCC, UoM, NHS, VCSE and cross-sector colleagues to drive the delivery of the programme.
<b>Convener</b>	Manchester City Council
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Zara Hakobyan (Macc)
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Since 2023
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# HEALTH & WELLBEING ALLIANCE MEASURING IMPACT SUBGROUP

<b>Purpose</b>	This sub-group is a forum to develop and test tools to measure the impact of projects being delivered as part as the Health and Wellbeing Alliance workstreams and partnerships
<b>Convener</b>	The Health & Wellbeing Alliance
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Finn Grice (LGBT+ Foundation)
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Since 2024
<b>Contact</b>	Finn Grice, Policy and Research Manager at the LGBT+ Foundation - finn.grice@lgbt.foundation

# HEALTH & WELLBEING ALLIANCE SOCIAL CARE SUBGROUP

<b>Purpose</b>	This subgroup meets to discuss policy and emerging data in social care with the aim of making improvements in service provision
<b>Convener</b>	The Health & Wellbeing Alliance
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Finn Grice (LGBT+ Foundation)
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Since 2024
<b>Contact</b>	Finn Grice, Policy and Research Manager at the LGBT+ Foundation - finn.grice@lgbt.foundation



## FAMILY HUBS STEERING GROUP

<b>Purpose</b>	The Family Hubs programme is a central government funded money dedicated to extending and improving support for families with children across Manchester. The steering group is multi-agency, with representation from a number of statutory services including early years, education, early help, midwifery, infant feeding and a number of VCSE sector partners.
<b>Convener</b>	Manchester City Council's Children and Education Directorate
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Anna Tate (Macc) Adrian Ball (Mcr Settlement) Laura Edward ( Manchester Mind) Shelley Roberts (Home Start)
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Since 2021
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## MANCHESTER CHILDREN'S BOARD

<b>Purpose</b>	The Manchester Children's Board is a strategic partnership in Manchester focused on improving the lives and outcomes of children and young people in the area. It involves collaboration between various stakeholders, including local authorities, health services, educational institutions, and community organisations.
<b>Convener</b>	Manchester City Council
<b>Current VCSE Rep(s)</b>	Debbie Ariyo (AFRUCA Safeguarding Children)
<b>Time spent as VCSE Rep(s)</b>	
<b>Contact</b>	Zara Hakobyan, the Policy and Influence Manager at Macc, <a href="mailto:zara@macc.org.uk">zara@macc.org.uk</a>

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