



## Choosing a legal structure

### Newton Heath Youth Project

Newton Heath Youth project was started as a response to the closure of statutory youth provision by Manchester City Council. Former youth workers from Manchester City Council campaigned for statutory provisions to be maintained. When the service was disestablished, the workers were approached by local young people and residents who asked if the workers could still provide a youth service.

The group approached Manchester Community Central for support in establishing the project on a formal basis. They started by creating an unincorporated association to develop the plan for the youth services and used the association to develop the ideas. It soon became clear that the unincorporated association was useful for community involvement in developing the project, it wouldn't be the most suitable structure for the proposed project.

Using the Get Legal website and following discussion the group worked through a series of questions about their group's intentions. The end result was that the association agreed that the most suitable structure would be a CIC.

The Youth workers created the CIC and incorporated in January 2012. They subsequently approached us for support to develop an application for funding

We supported the group to choose an appropriate legal structure for their project We also supported the group to develop a first stage application to Reaching Communities and supported the development of their stage 2 application.

The group successfully completed the incorporation of the project as a CIC.

They completed their application to Reaching Communities and were awarded a grant of £224,000 in December 2012, to run the project until 2016.

The Newton Heath Youth Project will begin delivering youth work in Newton Heath in May 2013.

We asked their Chief Officer for a comment about the support they received and she told us:

**'Well what can I say other than without you what would we have done! Your support was and always will be greatly appreciated by the Newton Heath community and me personally, and as for you you must rue the day you answered the phone'**