Supporting our Voluntary and Community Sector
Our Spirit of Manchester Awards ceremony on 5 October was truly a fantastic night and we’d like to thank everyone who attended for creating such a vibrant atmosphere. The atmosphere in the venue was incredible and the event was streamed live via Periscope.

The awards celebrated the work of Manchester’s voluntary, community and social enterprise sector and were presented by the Lord Mayor of Manchester.

Winners were determined by the audience voting on short films of the projects made by the Manchester Community Reporters. To view the wonderful films made by our Community Reporters, please visit: http://bit.ly/2z3Kjlm

Thank you to our judges, who determined the shortlisted candidates, to The Sheridan Suite who kindly supported our ceremony and to the generous supporters, http://bit.ly/2i1FuOB, who donated prizes for our raffle and auction.

Take a look at all the winners:

**Volunteer of the year** (supported by Wythenshawe Community Housing Group)
**Winner Gilbert Morgan**

**Volunteer involving organisation of the year** (supported by the University of Manchester)
**Winner Future Directions CIC**
Volunteering team of the year (supported by Keegan & Pennykid (Insurance Brokers) Ltd) Winner Mad Lab Volunteers

Equalities award
Winner MASH Outreach Volunteer Team

Business citizenship award (supported by Lloyds Banking Group)
Winner Sow the City

Best service user involving organisation
Winner Manchester People First

Most inspiring campaign (supported by Towergate Insurance North West)
Winner Big Change Manchester

Best partnership initiative / collaboration
Winner Anson Community Shop

Health and wellbeing award winner Manchester Refugee Support Network

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Best community space (supported by Wythenshawe Community Housing Group)
Winner The LGBT+ Centre

The Dr Sylvia Sham Award for Contribution to the sector winner Bernie Wood, Talbot House

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Special mention: John Biggs, Whitemoss Youth and Community Centre
During the 1 – 10 October we ran our 4th Spirit of Manchester Festival week (well 12 days to be correct). Each year the Festival plays a part in our Spirit of Manchester programme and looks to showcase the talent and creativity in the thousands of staff, volunteers and supporters of the 3,394 groups in the city.

This year we engaged with **28 organisations** who combined ran **69 events** during the festival period. Events included cycling sessions, fun runs, yoga, meditation, clean ups, coffee mornings, flash mobs, art exhibitions, fun play sessions, luncheons, garden surgery, plant swapping, clothes swap, veg growing, community cooking, vegan festival, poppy making, learn to earn, cancer screening, culture and mental health talks, photography exhibition and a bingo event.

These events aimed to both raise the profile of the organisations but to also encourage members of the local community to engage with services and events that are happening all the time and likely to be just around the corner.

Our sincere thanks goes out to those who both hosted and participated in an event and we hope that the festival continues to grow each year.

Occasionally armed with a selfie frame – members of Macc staff visited a selection of events.
Chief Executive’s update

I’m writing a few days after the 2017 Spirit of Manchester Awards. Our fifth since it started in 2013 and our biggest yet. As I’m on stage for most of the evening as host and MC, I find it really hard to judge if it was a success – I can only go on what others tell me. It’s like hosting a party: you can plan all you like, but it’s other people who bring the party into the room.

One of the things I really enjoy about it is seeing the Macc team all working on the same thing at the same time. With our wide range of activities that’s surprisingly rare, but with this everyone pitches in. And what struck me about it this year is that what the Awards (and the Spirit of Manchester programme as a whole) have become is so much due to the skills and talents in our team. It only really occurred to me when someone pointed that the Awards event feels very different to more corporate events you often see. I think it’s not only because of the nature of the occasion, the community groups who are involved or even things like the live voting. I think it’s because over the last few years, we’ve developed the way it works by everyone at Macc contributing something: whether that’s making films, reaching out to supporters, sorting things like the brochure, the raffle, the invitations, the information we put on the tables, webcasting, social media and all the marketing.

The whole thing is done entirely by the Macc team – the only thing we hire from someone else is the venue and the catering and the awards themselves which are made by a local artist. We didn’t employ anyone specifically to do this kind of work, it’s just become part of what we all do. I think there’s a valuable lesson in there about how organisations work and evolve.

Of course, the point of the event is celebrating all the fantastic stuff going on in our local voluntary sector. If you look on our YouTube channel there’s a playlist of all the films about wonderful volunteers and community projects which were shortlisted.

But I hope you’ll forgive me if I just take a moment to be a very proud Chief Exec and applaud a brilliant bit of collaborative and creative work by my excellent colleagues. And they’ll be doing it all again next year.

Mike Wild, Chief Executive
In October 2017, Manchester City Council (MCC) and Macc launched an exciting partnership initiative to link Council employees with Manchester’s local voluntary community and social enterprise sector (VCSE) organisations.

Could your organisation benefit from short-term support with things like business and marketing planning; fundraising or support at an event or activity?

‘Our People, Volunteering’ will support the Our Manchester strategy and the Council Social Value commitments by offering an employer supported volunteering programme to all staff employed by Manchester City Council; that supports them to connect with local communities and bring new skills and resources into the VCSE sector. Our People, Volunteering will also promote participation, and building capacity and sustainability in the VCSE sector.

Manchester City Council employees will be encouraged to apply for up to three days volunteering leave a year. Being launched part way through the leave year initially employees will be entitled to one and a half days leave (pro rata) until the start of April 2018 and this will this increase to three days leave (pro rata) for the following 12 months.

This is a great opportunity for VCSE organisations to benefit quickly and easily from the substantial skills and experience of Manchester City Council employees; by putting forward short-term volunteering opportunities based on a range of areas and specialisms. Opportunities for ‘Our People’ may also lend themselves to, or enhance an existing volunteering programme.

Our People, Volunteering will give your organisation valuable access to a considerable amount of support time, skills, attributes and lived experiences.

The Our People, Volunteering offer will also incorporate a group volunteering component; allowing teams or groups of employee volunteers to support one-off or project-based volunteering opportunities.

Our People, Volunteering launched on 2 October 2017 and will continue on a rolling basis for the foreseeable future.

Volunteer Centre Manchester will be providing the brokerage platform for volunteers and volunteer-involving organisations; and can also offer support to your organisation with identifying and developing short-term volunteering opportunities – we’re here to help!

If your organisation is already promoting volunteering opportunities via the volunteer centre, and think that they would be compatible with Our People, Volunteering, please contact the volunteer centre on 0161 830 4770 or email: esv@macc.org.uk.
Volunteer Meet Up

November will see the start of a new monthly Volunteer Meet Up group run by Volunteer Centre Manchester. The two-hour friendly and informal sessions are a great opportunity for registered Volunteers of VCM to meet, socialise, network, share stories, get tips and advice and generally support each other.

After a volunteer begins a role with an organisation the connection to other volunteers outside of that organisation can become hard to develop or sustain. This platform will enable volunteers to be part of a group that will help to address these issues and the ‘meet ups’ are designed in a way that serves you. The meet up group will take place every six weeks at Macc and are open to all our registered volunteers.

We acknowledge that a volunteering journey doesn’t end once an opportunity has been accepted and ongoing support for our volunteers is something we take seriously by providing a continued but relaxed approach for volunteers of all levels, from new volunteers right through to experienced ones. Support is given in a multitude of ways including, help with general enquiries, advice and guidance, and training.

If you would like to meet with like minded volunteers then our first ‘meet up’ date is Tuesday 14 November from 10-12pm and you can quickly register here http://bit.ly/2zR1u6I

Alternatively you can contact the team on 0161 830 4770 where will be happy to discuss it further.
Data protection law reform is coming with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) taking effect from 25 May 2018.

Data protection legislation covers everyone about whom you keep personal data. This includes employees, volunteers, service users, members, supporters and donors. The legislation:

- requires organisations to register if they keep records
- governs the processing of personal data including 'personal sensitive data'
- requires organisations to comply with eight principles
- allows employees, service users and other contacts to request to see the personal data held on them

Every organisation should have a written policy and procedure that is specific to their context about how they handle personal data and enact privacy principles.

You should start preparing now for changes that GDPR will require to your current policies and procedures.

How to prepare for GDPR and data protection reform

Every organisation that processes personal data must be compliant with new GDPR rules on 25 May 2018 and this includes charities and voluntary organisations. Getting to grips with GDPR can be daunting and it can be difficult to know where to start so this 12 point plan, adapted from the Information Commissioners Officer (ICO) guidance, is here to help you take the right steps.

1 Make sure the right people in your organisation know this is coming

Your trustee board and senior staff should be aware that the law is changing. They need to know enough to make good decisions about what you need to do to implement GDPR. They need to be aware that implementation may take considerable time and effort and add data protection to your risk register if you have one.

2 Identify what data you hold and where that data came from

If you don’t know what personal data you hold and where it came from you will need to organise an audit of your different systems and departments to find out. This means all personal data including employees and volunteers, service users, members, donors and supporters and more. You should document your findings as GDPR means you must keep records of your processing of activities. You should also record if you share data with any third parties.

3 Update your privacy notices

You must always tell people in a concise, easy to understand way how you intend
to use their data. Privacy notices are the most common way to do this. You may well already have privacy notices on your website for example but they will all need to be updated. Under GDPR privacy notices must give additional information such as how long you will keep data for and what lawful basis you have to process data. The ICO has guidance on GDPR compliant privacy notices.

4 Check your processes meet individuals’ new rights
GDPR will give people more rights over their data. For example GDPR gives someone the right to have their personal data deleted. Would you be able to find the relevant data and who would be responsible for making sure that happened? Get to know the eight rights and have the systems in place to be able to deliver on each of them.

5 Know how you will deal with ‘subject access requests’
Individuals have the right to know what data you hold on them, why the data is being processed and whether it will be given to any third party. They have the right to be given this information in a permanent form (hard copy). This is known as a subject access request. Your organisation needs to be able to identify a subject access request, find all the relevant data and comply within one month of receipt of the request. The ICO gives guidance on handling subject access requests.

6 Identify and document your ‘lawful basis’ for processing data
To legally process data under GDPR you must have a ‘lawful basis’ to do so. For example it is a lawful basis to process personal data to deliver a contract you have with an individual. There are a number of different criteria that give you lawful basis to process and crucially, different lawful basis give different right to individuals. For example if you rely on consent as a lawful basis, individuals have stronger rights to have their data deleted. Understand and document what lawful basis you have to process data using the ICO guidance on lawful basis.

7 Review how you get consent to use personal data
If you rely on consent as your lawful basis for processing personal data, then you need to review how you seek and manage consent. Under GDPR consent must be freely given, specific and easily withdrawn. You can’t rely on pre-ticked boxes, silence or inactivity to gain consent instead people must positively opt-in. Read the ICO guidance on consent and their consent review checklist.
8 Build in extra protection for children
Many charities support children and young people and GDPR brings in special protection for children’s personal data. GDPR says children under 16 cannot give consent (although this may be reduced to 13 in the UK) so you may have to seek consent from a parent or guardian. You will need to be able to verify that person giving consent on behalf of a child is allowed to do so and any privacy statements will need to be written in language that children can understand.

9 Get ready to detect, report and investigate personal data breaches
A data breach is a breach of security leading to ‘accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, personal data’. You will need to have the right procedures in place to detect, investigate and report a personal data breach. GDPR introduces a duty to report certain types of data breaches to the ICO and in some cases to the individuals concerned. You need to be able to demonstrate that you have appropriate technical and organisational measures in place to protect against a data breach. Read guidance from ICO on data breaches.

10 Build data protection into your new projects
Privacy by design means building data protection into all your new projects and services. It has always been good practice, but GDPR makes privacy by design an express legal requirement. To achieve this, data protection impact assessments should be undertaken where new technology is being deployed, where profiling may significantly affect individuals or sensitive categories of data will be processed on a large scale. Clarify who will be responsible for carrying out impact assessments, when you will use them and how you will record them. Read ICO guidance on privacy by design and data protection impact assessments.

11 Decide who will be responsible for data protection in your organisation
Someone in your organisation, or an external data protection advisor, has to take responsibility for compliance with data protection legislation and have the knowledge and authority to do this effectively. Some organisations will need to formally appoint a data protection officer (DPO) for example if your organisation carries out large scale processing of sensitive personal data such as health records or information about criminal convictions. Find out more from the ICO about when to appoint a DPO.
12 Get up to speed on data protection and fundraising

The use of personal data is central to most fundraising activities and there has been a great deal of public and media scrutiny of fundraising techniques. If you use personal data to fundraise then you need to follow the latest guidance on fundraising and data protection. The Fundraising Regulator provides guidance which complements guidance from the ICO on direct marketing.

Further information

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) is the regulator for data protection and privacy law. Their website is an excellent source of information and support and includes:

- a code of practice for writing privacy notices and explains how to comply with both the existing Data Protection Act and the EU’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). EU countries must comply with the GDPR from 25 May 2018.
- specific pages for the charity sector
- a self-assessment toolkit for small and medium enterprises
- general guides on data protection and freedom of information
- an extensive index of specific guidance on a broad range of related topics like marketing, cctv, data deletion, and filing systems
- an advice service by phone on 0303 123 1113 (local rate), or email: casework@ico.org.uk
- advisory visits to your organisation for a day with a short follow up report.

This information was prepared by NCVO Know how non-profit and can be found on their website, here: http://bit.ly/2hbtjPv

GDPR hotline now open

The Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) has launched a dedicated advice line to help small organisations prepare for a new data protection law.

People from small organisations should dial the ICO helpline on 0303 123 1113 and select option 4 to be diverted to staff who can offer support.

As well as advice on preparing for the GDPR, callers can also ask questions about current data protection rules and other legislation regulated by the ICO including electronic marketing and Freedom of Information.
Training Coming Up

Over the next few months we have some brand new and interesting training workshops coming up. We expect bookings to be high for these workshops so please book in advance.

Health and Social Care Policy and Strategy in Manchester and Greater Manchester, 21 November, 10am-1pm
If you need a broader perspective on what's happening in health and social care policy and strategy, or starting a new job with more policy and strategic responsibilities or you are new to Manchester then this is the course for you.

Creating a Social Media Campaign, 29 November, 10am-3pm
This workshop will cover all the steps you should take in order to manage and create a successful social media campaign for your cause. From creating a campaign plan to evaluating how the campaign went.

Essential Guide to Employing Staff, 30 November, 10am-1pm
This workshop will look at areas such as creating the role (JD and person spec), deciding what to pay, DBS checks, HMRC registration, employee rights to writing a statement of employment, policy and procedures, commencing employment. Expressions of interest to be emailed to: training@mcrcommunitycentral.org

Introduction to PQASSO, 18 January, 2pm-4pm
PQASSO is a nationally recognised award which offers both organisations and funders / commissioners external verification of the quality and credibility of an organisation. This two hour session delivered by a PQASSO peer will offer an overview of the standard, the benefits afforded to organisations and look into the online digital version. Expressions of interest to be emailed to training@mcrcommunitycentral.org

Health, Safety, Environment, Your Responsibilities, 1 February, 10am-1pm
Looking at why and where health and safety starts to managing risks to record keeping this workshop is ideal for anyone new to health and safety and will also act as a refresher for those who already are responsible.

Building Management and Compliance, Your Responsibilities – 2 February, 10am, - 1pm
The session will give an introduction to what building management is, key considerations and ensuring that you are compliant with law and regulations. This session is aimed at members of voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations who run a building.

To register for these workshops, visit: http://bit.ly/2knJkoH
In May 2017 Macc facilitated training for the Age Friendly Hulme and Moss Side Partnership on how to be more effective as a board, Cheryl McAlister delivered Committee and Meeting Skills on the day.

The Age Friendly Hulme and Moss Side Partnership had been meeting for over a year by the time of the training, the group is made up of residents and institutional partners who together look at Hulme and Moss Side to see how age friendly it is. Along with the research there is a small community fund that the partnership gives out for resident led projects which tackles isolation in the neighbourhood for the over 50s.

The reason that Macc was approached to facilitate training was that meetings had a lot of content to get through, with meetings normally running over the specified time and business was still not discussed which would have to roll on to the next meeting. This put a lot of pressure on the meetings, so it was decided by the board to get some training to become more effective as a group.

“The training delivered was very comprehensive, it covered everything we required to move forward as a group. It made everyone more confident by defining roles, why we are here and how we could progress together. It gave the board tools to have effective meetings and what to do if they are not effective. The group also came up with ground rules, which everyone had a say on and being done as a collective more importantly agreed on. These ground rules are now present at each meeting so they can be referenced if required.”

“Since the training in May the meetings are more effective and finish on time, every time. The people attended comment on how well they are going afterwards, and they are conducted in a positive manner. The training that was delivered has been a great success and the board would approach Macc again for more if required.” Matthew Youngson
Europia are the only registered charity which works with European Expats in Greater Manchester. Their activities include:

- Support: advice, advocacy, information and guidance support for European Expats in sorting out their challenges, like benefits, child tax credits, legal issues, etc.
- Academy: professional quality teaching at affordable prices
- Art and culture: through cultural activities, Europia wants to raise the profile of European expats in Greater Manchester and also bring theatre and culture to individuals and families with low incomes
- Enterprise: this will be a high value and high price service where all events and activities will be paid services.

Europia contacted us to learn how to strengthen financial planning to identify and target specific funders to secure core funding to better manage cashflow and develop sustainable financial planning to secure the future of their charity.

The Capacity Building Team supported Europia with:

- Identifying funders suitable for the charity and its projects
- Providing professional feedback on application forms and support in submitting high quality answers
- Empowering the charity to take ownership of the funding challenges
- Equipping Europia with the skills to cope with completing difficult application forms

Europia have received a couple of small grants to make their immediate future stable and have identified a long-term financial strategy to ensure future financial sustainability and resilience. Europia has also received Awards for All funding from the Big lottery, RadEqual and Hate Crime grants from Manchester City Council, and are in the process of applying for a Reaching Communities grant for three years.

“Stuart has been fantastic in being a professional advisor- he has been encouraging and has supported in my development as a bid writer and instilled the confidence to submit high quality funding applications after some recent consecutive funding rejections.”

Kush Chottera, Executive Director
Policy and Influence at Macc - Informing, engaging, and connecting Manchester’s voluntary and community sector to encourage creativity and bring about positive change

Mike Wild, Chief Executive

Community Recovery – since the horrific attack on the MEN Arena in May 2017, I’ve been involved in a number of strands of work arising from the response. This included a health and welfare group which was looking at support for the victims and families (many of whom were not of course Manchester residents so it’s been a locally led piece of work with a national reach). The other main activity has been around wider community issues – ‘cohesion’ as it’s often called. There has been good recognition of the role of community organisations in this, hopefully with more to come in future.

Safeguarding – I’m also continuing to represent the sector on the Safeguarding Children’s Board and the Safeguarding Adults Board. One of the issues I raise a lot is the need to support small local community organisations to ensure good practice. There is some progress with a new website launched earlier this year: http://bit.ly/2gLBMMB. If there is anything else your group needs, please contact us.

Health and Social Care – still working on engaging the sector in the development of the new Local Care Organisation. You can find updates on our website at: http://bit.ly/2xqTJ5R

Claire Tomkinson – Wellbeing Development Lead (Policy and Influence Team Leader)

I’ve been spending a lot of time thinking about our recent State of the Sector report and the fact that there are currently around 3,400 VCSE sector organisations in Manchester. Around 44% of them identify their main role as improving or having an impact on health and wellbeing, but only around 11% have any kind of relationship with or funding from the NHS. There’s obviously a lot of work to be done here to look at new ways of working across sectors - but also to see the sector as a key partner, not just a ‘free’ provider of services. We also know that wider social determinants of health include housing, food, the environment, money, education and skills, social connections, transport and having a good job. With this in mind I’d argue that the VCSE sector and local communities have a bigger role to play in health and wellbeing than may be imagined!
Nigel Rose, Strategic Lead Commissioning

After a huge amount of work by me and many other people, Manchester City Council’s Our Manchester VCS Grants launched on 7 September. My next role in the process will be to act as an independent and non-voting chair of the assessment panel to ensure that the process is carried out efficiently and in accordance with the agreed policy.

One way I try to keep my feet firmly on the ground is through participating in the Chorlton and Whalley Range Dementia Action Group. The aim of the group is to encourage Chorlton and Whalley Range to be more dementia friendly. Recently, I spent an afternoon going round businesses and shops asking them to sign up to be Age-Friendly. The response was overwhelmingly positive.

Manchester Town Hall is soon to go through a massive refurbishment. Councillors and officers are keen that the social value of such a large investment is maximised. I’ve been advising the project management team about how to choose applicants who are passionate about community benefit and how to connect with voluntary sector organisations.

Pauline Clark, Early Help Development Worker

Neglect Strategy - Graded Care Profile 2

Recently I attended a meeting around the Neglect Strategy and the proposed implementation of Graded Care Profile 2 an NSPCC toolkit for documenting and working with families around neglect. It has been very hard to record neglect accurately for some time and so the toolkit is going to be very useful. Manchester City Council proposes to roll this out in North Manchester in the New Year and then over the following 18 months extend this to South and Central Manchester.

Domestic Abuse - Safe and Together

In October there was a briefing around the domestic abuse programme that Manchester City Council will begin to use. The programme comes from America and is called Safe and Together. The model works with the whole family and promotes, where possible families staying together whilst they are working on the behaviours that have caused problems in the relationships.
Anna Tate, Policy and Influence Development Worker

Recently the Older People’s Network held an event to celebrate national older people’s day. The event aimed to highlight the great work being done in Greater Manchester for and by older people. Groups funded through the Ambition for Ageing programme attended as part of marketplace to promote what they’re doing and to meet projects from other areas in Greater Manchester. We also had some fantastic speakers John Hannen and our own Claire Tomkinson. Thanks to all those who attended on the day, despite the train strikes and rainy weather, it was fantastic event with 96 people attending from across Greater Manchester.

We will soon be welcoming Liz Jones to Macc. Liz will be taking over to facilitating the Greater Manchester Older People’s Network (GMOPN). Liz will be introduced to GMOPN members at the next network meeting.

Macc is administering a second round of Hate Crime Awareness grants on behalf of Manchester’s Community Safety Partnership. The funding is available for groups and organisations to hold events and projects to raise awareness of what hate crime is, how and where to report it and celebrate diversity in our communities. Grants of up to £400 grants are available to hold an event during Hate Crime Awareness week 2018 (5-11 February 2018). The deadline is 24 November at midday. Please visit: http://bit.ly/2zPxc4m for application forms and supporting information or contact Anna on 0161 834 9823 or email: anna@macc.org.uk for more information.

Helen Walker, Policy and Influence Worker

The second annual Spirit of Manchester Story Week was held on 18-22 September. We gathered some great stories of the extraordinary work the voluntary sector carries out every day to support people who live and work in the city. The activities featured included a volunteer open day, a community lunch and the development of a new Manchester carers support website. The stories received a lot of profile on social media including retweeting on Twitter by Manchester City Council and Manchester Health and Care Commissioning.

I recently organised the Voluntary Sector Assembly event on 1 November, which looked at the latest information for safeguarding children and early help support. There was a number of speakers from organisations such as Manchester City Council and The Change Project along with a panel discussion looking at the future of safeguarding.
Cyril Flint Befrienders
#30DaysofFriendship campaign

Cyril Flint Befrienders are launching a #30DaysofFriendship campaign in the run up to Christmas to raise awareness about the value of friendship, during the festive period and all year round.

Christmas can be a lovely time for many, with lots of social get together's and family celebrations, however this is not the case for everyone; Many older people can find themselves isolated and lonely, this can be because of personal circumstances, poor weather leaving them uneasy about leaving their homes or because they have outlived their friends and have found themselves feeling very alone. The charity was formed back in 2012 after a gentleman named Cyril revealed he was about to spend his 23rd Christmas alone since the passing of his wife.

Cyril Flint Befrienders are working to make sure everyone has a friend, at Christmas and all year round and want to encourage as many people as possible to think about how important their friendship can be to someone.

The campaign launched on 13 November, World Kindness Day and will be concluding with their annual Christmas party on 12 December 2017. Cyril Flint Befrienders will be holding various events throughout the 30 days and are urging local people to get involved and help us to combat loneliness and isolation.

Ways to get involved: Fundraise; Attend events; Donate a raffle prize; Volunteer your time; Call or visit your elderly neighbours and relatives; or Post about what you’re doing, use hashtag #30DaysofFriendship and help raise awareness and get more people taking part.

For more information, contact 0161 942 9465, or email: alex.neil@cyrilflint.org

Talbot House Support Centre Carers Lunch

Come along to Talbot House Support Centre’s Carers lunch on Wednesday 22 November, 11am at Talbot House Support Centre, 1 High Peak Street, Newton Heath, Manchester, M40 3AT.

There will be good food, bingo and a raffle.
Sexuality aGender v2 – An Inclusive Sexual Health Toolkit

The Proud Trust has an extensive history of working with LGBT+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and other identities) young people. Over the years, such young people have consistently told The Proud Trust that the sexual health education they have received has not been meeting their needs, for a variety of reasons.

This brand new pioneering resource pack is NOT a sexual health package for LGBT young people, it is an inclusive pack for ALL young people. Sexuality aGender will enable you to engage with young people in a meaningful conversation about gender identity, sexuality and sexual health. This will help them explore who they are and what they want, in a safe, supported way, free from assumptions. Recommended for ages 13+, for use in schools and youth club settings.

This training event is free, thanks to The Tampon Tax Fund via the Government Office for Civil Society. However a small fee of £25 is asked, to cover the cost of the Sexuality aGender resource pack production.

The training is taking place on:
29 November, Cheshire
6 December, Merseyside
7 December, Lancashire
8 December, Manchester
24 January, Cumbria

For more information and to book your place, visit:
www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/the-proud-trust-2482532932

Pesticide Free Manchester - public meeting

Every year hundreds of tonnes of toxic pesticides are used in the streets, parks, schools and open spaces of our towns and cities. It doesn't have to be this way. Viable alternatives exist to replace the use of toxic pesticides that are poisoning people and the environment needlessly.

PAN UK is inviting the public of Manchester to come and find out why pesticides are a problem and what they can do to stop their use in Manchester on Saturday 25 November, 1pm-4pm at Sackville Street, Manchester, M1 3NJ. The event will be informal with the intention of developing a grass roots campaign network in Manchester that can work towards a pesticide free future.

For more information and to register, visit: http://bit.ly/2i5GlIs1
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