

# SPIRIT OF MANCHESTER 2022

*#SpiritofMer22*



**Thank you for all your support in making this year's Spirit of Manchester Awards a fantastic celebration of Manchester's voluntary, community and social enterprise sector and for raising funds for the Spirit of Manchester Fund.**

# The night



This year's Spirit of Manchester Awards evening was back to a live event, held at the beautiful Whitworth Hall. We also streamed live on Macc's YouTube channel (where it can still be viewed) <https://tinyurl.com/SofM22>

We were helped by the University of Manchester Events and AV teams to put on a great hybrid event.



The virtual event had an audience of **1,549** views and we had around **200** people in the room. Most of the people attending were shortlisted organisations - which gave it a great atmosphere.



Ben from Media Cubes (one of the Award category supporters) interviewed the winners and the Lord Mayor about the event. You can watch his short film at: [bit.ly/3gcPUfY](http://bit.ly/3gcPUfY)

# The night



Mike Wild, Chief Executive of Macc hosted the event but unfortunately, due to COVID, had to do this virtually. It didn't affect the evening though and he had help from Award supporters, Macc trustees and staff.

Thank you to the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Cllr Donna Ludford who presented the shortlisted certificates and the Awards to the winners.



# Black History Month



**Black History Month**  
Time for Change: Action Not Words  
1-31 October

**Ruth Ibeguna -  
Founder of RECLAIM**



Ruth created Reclaim, a non-profit organisation that encourages youth leadership in inner-city neighbourhoods, after quitting her job in 2008. Overtime, the charity has offered young people nationwide a voice and the self-assurance to make a difference in their communities. After resigning as CEO, Ruth launched the Roots Programme to use exchange programmes to mend the wounds caused by Brexit.

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**Nile Henry -  
Founder and CEO of The Blair Project**



Nile is an energetic young tech leader and the founder and CEO of The Blair Project, which involves young people in electric karting and digital manufacturing to make racing more socially accessible and to inspire the next generation of green engineers, designers, and inventors. He was 18 years old when he started The Blair Project.

This year, as part of our communications project highlighting Manchester's diverse communities, we named the 20 tables at the event after prominent Black Mancunians past and present. We also invited all the people featured who are currently doing amazing work in Manchester. It was a great way to celebrate Black History Month and some of the inspirational Black Mancunians.

You can see all the biographies on our Black History Month pages:

<https://manchestercommunitycentral.org/black-history-month-manchester-2022>



**The Zebra Partnership - Awa...** Oct 7

#TheWhiteheadFiles #Bitesize at the

#SpiritofMcr22 Awards.

Did you know @McrCommCentral have been celebrating some of our local prominent figures for #BlackHistoryMonth 🍌 ?

This was also prominent on the tables at the awards.

@Zebra\_carol talks to #LeeChambers

@essentialise

[twitter.com/McrCommCentral...](https://twitter.com/McrCommCentral...)



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# Tweets on the event

 **Shannon Fitzgerald (She/Her...** Oct 6  
What a wonderful night at [#SpiritofMcr22](#). There's so much incredible [#community](#) organising going on around [#Manchester](#) 🌟 Also, had a right laugh with my colleagues.

[@MohamadMQuresh1](#)  
[@Yes\\_ThatKendra](#) [@PaulSeymour17](#)  
[@Knightsinwhites](#)



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 **Councillor Donna Ludford** @... Oct 7  
Manchester's Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector continues to go above and beyond to support those most in need of help. Thank you for your dedication and commitment [@McrCommCentral](#) [#SpiritofMcr22](#)



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 **Mona moussa** @Monamoussa15 Oct 6  
It was so lovely to be invited to witness the Winners of the Spirit of Manchester Awards [#SpiritofMcr22](#) [@CaritasSalford](#) [@Caritas\\_Patrick](#) and [@lizhibberd](#) [@ManchesterCoS](#) for your Amazing work! Very well deserved [@McrCommCentral](#)



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 **CEO @ Salford CVS** 🌟 @CEOS... Oct 6  
Congratulations to our friends across the Irwell for putting on another fantastic event 🌟 [@MikeWildMacc](#) [@McrCommCentral](#) [#SpiritofMcr22](#) [#SpiritofMcr10years](#)

**Mcr Comm Central** @McrCommCen...  
Huge congratulations to everyone nominated for a thank you or award tonight. You are amazing and a true example of why we host Spirit of Manchester every year. ❤️ 🐝

Thank you to everyone who joined us tonight! [#SpiritofMcr22](#)  
[#SpiritofMcr10years](#)



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 **Manchester Mind #NeverMo...** Oct 7  
Last night [#SpiritofMcr22](#) celebrated the work of Manchester's VCSE which is great and mighty and holds the city together. Well done to everyone and all the nominees and winners. Looked like a great night [@PolicyVoiceMacc](#)

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**MASH Manchester** @MASHMa... Oct 6  
Our hearts are full after an amazing celebration of Manchester's community groups and charities.

Such a privilege to be part of this group of change makers. Congratulations and huge thank you to all involved 🐝

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**Zebra Carol Ann** 🦓 FRSA CM... Oct 6  
Arrived late to the #SpiritofMcr22 Awards and wondered why @MikeWildMacc was being a little #WizardOfOz with his hosting 😊 Then I was told why. Despite that he did a sterling job & as an #eventprof I know how much paddling was done under the surface by the @McrCommCentral team 🌟



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**Bold ST3P** @BoldSt3p Oct 7  
Last night at #SpiritofMcr22 Awards. It was lovely meeting all the wonderful people doing amazing works volunteering in Manchester. @donnaludford @GeorgeHouseTrst @TrustDimobi @ErinmaBell @CounsellingLeaf



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**Zebra Carol Ann** 🦓 FRSA CM... Oct 7  
A treat catching up with Cllr @ErinmaBell at the #SpiritofMcr22 Awards with @essentialise Erinma was honoured with a named table for #BlackHistoryMonth 🍄 She's wearing one of her own #African #fashion creations & we are wearing @cultureville @MediaCubsUK interview below 🍷🍷🍷  
[twitter.com/MediaCubsUK/st...](https://twitter.com/MediaCubsUK/st...)



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# Winners



**This year, we again had two elements to the Spirit of Manchester Awards with the non-competitive People of Mcr category but also ten competitive categories. We had 98 nominations (21 non-competitive, 77 competitive)**

Applicants sent in nominations of 200 words max, which were shortlisted by our independent panel of judges:

<https://manchestercommunitycentral.org/spirit-manchester/spirit-manchester-awards-judges>

The shortlisted organisations and individuals were then asked to make a one minute long film covering the criteria of the category - they could do these themselves, attend training and get help making their film, or we did some via Zoom for them. These films were then shown on the evening and voted for by the audience in the room and watching the virtual event on YouTube. You can watch all the films here:

<https://tinyurl.com/Spirit22playlist>

All of the nominations were also made into graphics and added to our website, and we will be sharing them throughout the year:

<https://manchestercommunitycentral.org/spirit-manchester-2022-nominations>



**Mcr Comm Central** @McrCom... Oct 6

A huge thank you to our [#SpiritofMcr22](#) judges:

Jeremy Myers (@jezmyers) - Chair  
Atiha Chaudry (Equal Access Consultancy)  
Val Bayliss-Brideaux (@ManchesterICP)  
Amanda Croome (@CaritasSalford)  
Paul Newcombe (@BoothCentre)

[bit.ly/spirit22judges](https://bit.ly/spirit22judges)  
[#SpiritofMcr10years](#)

**Special thanks to all of our judges!**



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# Winners



**Volunteer of the year**  
**Winner: Steve de Asha**

Shortlisted:  
Amreen Bostan  
Ali Bulum  
Sherita Mandongwe



**Volunteering team**

**Winner: ALLFM**

Shortlisted:  
Being There Volunteers (Manchester)  
COVID-19 Volunteer Marshalls



**Volunteer involving organisation**

**Winner: George House Trust**

Shortlisted:  
City in the Community  
Manchester Youth Zone



**Tackling inequalities supported by  
Manchester Integrated Care  
Partnership**

**Winner: HideOut Youth Zone**

Shortlisted:

Reaching Communities Team at  
Cheetham Hill Advice Centre

Revive CIO



**Inspiring campaign**

**Winner: KYSO Project CIC**

Shortlisted:

Hits Radio Manchester Cash for Kids  
MASH Supporters



**Creative community spirit  
supported by Media Cubs**

**Winner: Afrocats**

Shortlisted:

Trees and Tassels  
Unity Arts



**Partnership and collaboration  
supported by Our Manchester  
Funds Team, Manchester City  
Council**

**Winner: Caritas Connecting Older  
People**

Shortlisted:

Hide Out Youth Zone  
Oliver Sykes



**Service user involving  
organisation**

**Winner: Manchester Deaf Centre**

**Shortlisted:**

Caritas – Cornerstone and Morning  
Star homelessness services

Manchester Action on Street Health



**Community cohesion supported  
by Wythenshawe Community  
Housing Group**

**Winner: Manchester City of  
Sanctuary**

**Shortlisted:**

KYSO Project CIC



**Dr Sylvia Sham contribution to the  
sector supported by Essentialise**

**Winner: Samantha Parsons,  
Manchester Young Lives**



**Our amazing trophies were made by  
Ella McIntosh who is based in  
Manchester Craft and Design  
Centre. Thank you Ella!**

**ELLA MCINTOSH**

# Tweets on the winners



**W.E.L.Safe CIC** @WELSafe Oct 7  
We are really proud of our partners @MCR\_unityarts Congratulations on your nomination for Creative Community Award at the #SpiritofMcr22

**Liz Harding** @LizHarding  
Very proud of my fellow management committee members, staff and volunteers and the work they did in partnership with @AFWhitworth that resulted in this nomination #SpiritofMcr22



1 reply 1 retweet 3 likes



**OMVCS** @OMVCS Oct 7  
Congratulations to our Partnership and Collaboration award winner @CaritasSalford and all the other amazing winners and nominees that are the 'scaffolding that hold up our city' @donnaludford @ManCityCouncil @JoMidge @bevraig @McrCommCentral #SpiritofMcr22



11 retweets 18 likes



**Caritas Salford** @CaritasSalford Oct 11  
In case you missed it, we were thrilled to be shortlisted, and to have won an award at #SpiritofMcr22 - you can read more about it now on our website here: [caritassalford.org.uk/news/teams-hon...](http://caritassalford.org.uk/news/teams-hon...)



1 reply 1 retweet 10 likes

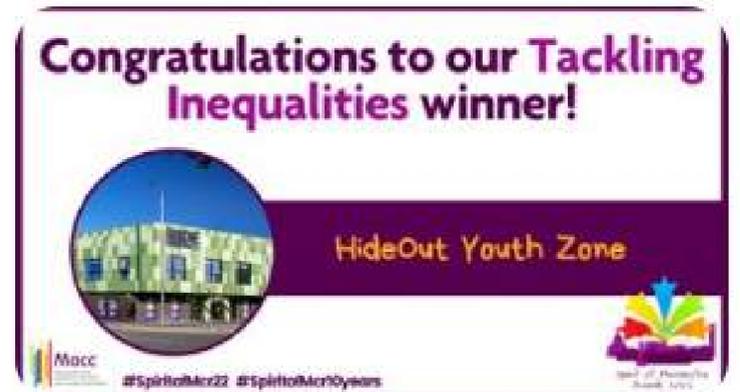


**HideOut Youth Zone** @Hid... Oct 7  
🎉 WE WON! 🎉

Last night, we won the #SpiritofMcr22 Tackling Inequalities Award for our Sunday Club provision, our first ever award! 🏆

Thank you for all the support & of course a massive thank you to our Sunday Club team - we couldn't have done it without you 🧡

#TeamHideOut! 🐝



3 replies 5 retweets 20 likes

# Spirit of Manchester Raffle



We once again held a virtual raffle using:  
[www.nationalfundingscheme.org](http://www.nationalfundingscheme.org)



Text **SPIRIT22** to **70331** to enter the Spirit of Manchester raffle! Tickets cost **£3**. All proceeds go to the Spirit of Manchester Fund.



Raffle closes Monday 10 October 2022

More info: <https://tinyurl.com/SpiritRaffle22>



Tickets went for sale the week before the Awards and were available by texting - £3 a ticket. We were donated 18 brilliant prizes including a £100 One4All gift card, a beautiful handmade blanket (by Sandra), a Greggs voucher and experiences such as treasure hunts and escape rooms. You can see a list of all the prizes on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/SpiritRaffle22>

**Thank you so much to all the business and individuals who donated to the raffle!**

Everyone who donated is listed at the end of this document.

## The Raffle raised: £396

We also received £112.10 on the evening from DONR text giving. All the proceeds go to the Spirit of Manchester Fund which awards small grants to community groups and organisations in Manchester. You can see where the Spirit of Manchester Fund has been spent in the past on:

<https://tinyurl.com/SpiritMcrfund>

The image below is one past example.

**We will keep you updated on how the funds this year will be spent.**



**Spirit of Manchester Fund**

# Spirit of Manchester Fund



**"HOUSING IS THE KEY. NOTHING ELSE IS POSSIBLE WITHOUT A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD." (BOAZ CLIENT, 2022)**

Last year, 103 refugees and people seeking asylum who were facing homelessness, found safe and stable accommodation at the Boaz Trust. Our support service was made possible by grants and donations from generous supporters including Macc. The Boaz Trust is a support service for refugees and people seeking asylum who have become homeless in Manchester following a decision, positive or negative, on their asylum claim. Boaz provides accommodation, life essentials and tailored practical and emotional support.

Ijemma told us about the peace she found in having a safe place to stay:

"Before Boaz it was not a good time. I was released from detention and started staying on a friend's sofa. I had to sleep in the cold, it was terrible. Everything was so bad. My blood pressure was so high. I had no peace of mind. Then my friend said I couldn't stay any longer, so I moved into an emergency room with Boaz. They helped me a lot! I was the happiest somebody when I moved in. It was on 22nd December, 3 days until Christmas, and I was given clothes, food and some cash.

It felt good to be in a warm house with new sheets. I could sleep comfortably, go downstairs and eat when I want to. I used to cry all the time but with Boaz I felt peace. With the women in the house, we loved each other, encouraged each other, ate together. A Boaz house is a family house. Boaz welcome people. They have a heart of love. They show love in every area. They don't discriminate. It takes away your stress. Before I was full of stress and looked older than my age. But with Boaz I felt peace."

# Our thanks to...

MANCHESTER  
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The University of Manchester

Who kindly donated the venue for the evening and the staff time. Thank you to the AV team too who streamed the event.

ELLA MCINTOSH

Who designed and made the amazing award trophies.

## Photographers/film makers

David McLenahan - main volunteer photographer

Gill Bennet - extra images

Media cubs - filmmakers

## Award supporters

The below supported an Awards category and each donated £400 which ensured we could run the event.

Town  
House.

Manchester

Integrated Care Partnership

People of Mcr

Tackling inequalities



MANCHESTER  
CITY COUNCIL

Creative Community Spirit

Partnership and collaboration



Community cohesion



Dr Sylvia Sham Contribution  
to the sector award

# The Spirit of Manchester Raffle donors



**Foundation**



**Keegan &  
Pennykid**

**INSURANCE BROKERS**



**Lancashire  
Cricket**



**ESCAPE REALITY**



**Jeremy/Swan Buildings**

**Akeim Mundell**

**Martin Preston**

**Michelle Foster**

**Cheryl McAlister**

**Mike Wild**

**Sandra Bellamy**

**THANK  
YOU**

**Thank you so much to everyone who donated goods, the venue, their time or supported an Awards category this year - it made such a difference! We wouldn't be able to run the Awards without your support.**



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**Would you like to be involved in the 2023 Spirit of Manchester Awards?**

From supporting one of the Award categories to donating a prize for the raffle, there will be a number of opportunities to get involved. **For more information on next year's celebrations**, please contact Cheryl on [cheryl@macc.org.uk](mailto:cheryl@macc.org.uk)

