



## The Fed

### Funding and Bid writing support

The Federation of Jewish Services (The Fed) is a registered charity that has been providing support since 1867. Greater Manchester has the largest UK Jewish community outside of London. We strive to create and support a community where people can live life to the full, feeling safe, valued, and cared for people of all ages living in the Jewish and local community in Greater Manchester. The Fed supports one in eight Jewish households across Greater Manchester, and in 2016 we were delighted to receive the Queens Award for Voluntary service.



We act as a one-stop shop for around 1,300 people every month through our:

- Heathlands Village: which provides residential, nursing and day-care, end-of-life care, two specialist dementia units supported housing for 140 older people
- Children's centre: supporting 300 children annually through play-schemes, after school clubs and holiday play schemes for children with additional needs
- Community Advice Support Team (CAST) who offer social work services, a helpline, and offer employment advice, support with finding housing, daily living, managing bills and benefits
- Community based services and Carers groups which offer assessments, support and advice, day trips, and a regular drop-in mental health support group, as well as our Purple Room café with refreshments, activities, speakers, and trips, where members and carers can make friends and have a safe space to socialise
- Volunteer Services Team: 550 volunteers who befriend vulnerable people in the Jewish community to help with food shopping, social activities, and general support
- My Voice: A Holocaust education and storytelling project to support Holocaust Survivors who settled in Manchester – our volunteers befriend Survivors and together, trace families, historical documents, and stories. Sometimes these stories are being heard for the first time, and so far, 27 books have been created!



We only have myself in charge of Trust fundraising and as our last bid was unsuccessful, I really wanted someone to critically proofread grant applications. We'd been receiving the Macc newsletter which gave me the idea to reach out and ask for help with funding. Millie was so helpful, and really understood the brief of what funders are looking for. She reviewed my application and acted as a critical friend providing comprehensive notes and highlighting other areas to review. She was a real reassurance, and what's been even more useful is that I've been able to use some sections for other applications which saves me so much time.

Thanks to Macc's support, we were offered an award of £5,359 via the Manchester Council Covid Fund. This funding has been used to support vulnerable people in Manchester who use our services. We were also able to provide remote access to services during the pandemic by purchasing 3 tablets for our digitally excluded members, which should help even post-Covid. Other members were without internet or telephone access so were very isolated. We've also been able to move carers groups, wellbeing, and relaxation sessions online as well as running social activities including bingo and exercise classes to Zoom and keep our sense of community and friendships going through this difficult time.

*"I am so grateful to you for your hard work and support when I was writing the bid. The funding will cover the cost of salaries and some tablets to loan out to community members who cannot get to our mental health support groups."*

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