



# Manchester People First Annual Report 2007



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## September 2006

We started to work with a new group called New Horizons. It is for adults who are over

55 years of age and have a learning disability.

We employed a learning disabled adult part time-cleaner.



## October



We held our Annual General Meeting over 50 learning disabled adults came and voted for our new committee.

We also supported the Changing Places campaign to get

fully accessible toilets in the city centre.



## November

We held training for our new committee, produced a guide to human rights and a picture guide on how to get to our office from the city centre.



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## December

Party time again.

On 14 December over 100 members and guests came to our Christmas Party at the Irish Centre and enjoyed

great music food and raffle prizes.



## January 2007



This year we celebrated Manchester People First's 15th Anniversary.

At the start of the year Paul Brannick finished his 6 month work with Just Info –

our easy read project. Paul had been working with David on the project for 6 months. He learnt about making leaflets easier to understand and how to use the computer to do layouts.

We also carried on our self advocacy with the Dream Team at Landridge House every Friday.



## February

We started a weekly advocacy group with New Horizons at Landridge House. We organised training on how to vote in the local elections.

We also helped Noel Fagin a lecturer at Salford University, research his book about living with a learning disability.



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## March



We carried on with our training for Police call takers. When you call 999 the people on the other end of the phone should have a better understanding of the needs of people with a learning disability.

Manchester Learning Disability Partnership Board continued to meet at our offices and People First continued to play a part in the Board's work.



## April



We had an Open Day at our offices so people could see what goes on behind the scenes.

We had a stall at a health event at Platt Lane training complex.

This month saw us finish our weekly advocacy group at Landridge. The Men's Group was as popular as ever – this month saw us visit Preston to see our old friend Robin Tushingam.



## May



May saw us doing lots of training. Carol from Mencap lead an all day long course about office health and safety.

Later, we did a general first aid course with the British Red Cross.



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## June

We had a big party at the Irish Heritage Centre to celebrate our 15<sup>th</sup> birthday. About 150 people came including the Lord Mayor of Manchester. We were entertained by a group called Special Virtuosi. You could have heard a pin drop while they played and there was a big round of applause when they finished.



As always the food was great and the DJ had everyone up and dancing from the start. There were presentations of course certificates and fantastic raffle prizes. What a day!

## July

Our birthday carried on with our stall at Learning Disability Today. This is a big event held by a magazine for people who provide services. It was held at the Manchester City Football stadium and we had one of the best stalls near the front door. We gave away lots of information and leaflets about who we are and what we do. It was a good day but hard work. Over 2,500 people came. We also held our annual health workshops. Each week we worked on different theme looking at health issues such as food groups, healthy eating, having 5 fruit and vegetables a day, exercise, relaxation and weight.



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## August



Manchester People First will be helping the people who commission services for learning disabled adults to inspect them. We have employed 4 learning disabled adults as Service Audit Assistants. Chris, Phillip, Michelle and Stephen will work with the commissioners over the next year.

Also after a long, hard 3 year struggle, we will finally become a Company Limited by Guarantee. This will help us run but will not mean there are any changes in the way we work.

## September

Keep in touch with what we do. We send out our free 'Speak Up' newsletter four times a year.

You can even download it from our web site: [www.manpf.org](http://www.manpf.org)



## Thanks to our committee

Our committee for 2006/07 was:

Officers: Edward Kane (Chair), Joseph Rooney (Treasurer), Louisa Burton (Secretary) Committee Members: Paul Brannick, Katherine Graham, Frank James, John Jarvis, Yasser Mahmood, Stuart Maragh and Richard Hughes (co-opted).

The committee would like to thank everyone who has helped us in our 15th year of self advocacy.





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# Accounts 2007

## Income Money In

Grants	£96,711
Books and Videos	£629
Training/Consultancy	£24,012
Other Income	£1,522
Bank Interest	£3,940
<b>Total</b>	<b>£126,814</b>



**This is a summary of what we got and what we spent. Please ask if you want to see the full accounts.**

## Expenditure Money Out

Salaries/Wages	£76,400
Staff Travel	£1,359
Staff Training	£927
Therapeutic Earnings	£80
Volunteer Expenses	£1,565
Rent and Rates	£10,810
Heat Light & Water	£919
Print/Copying	£2,359
Postage	£1,612
Stationery	£882
Phone/Internet	£1,457
Insurance	£1,216
Accountancy	£981
Professional Fees	£270
Publications	£386
Equipment	£1,192
Meeting Costs	£3,672
Bank Charges	£45
Depreciation	£1,699

**Total** **£107,831**

Surplus (Deficit) for year **£18,983**



## What we do

Manchester People First is run by and for learning disabled adults and is independent of all services.

We give training, support and advice to learning disabled adults and professionals and campaign for our rights.

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