



Manchester Community Central Quarterly News

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**Supporting our
Voluntary and
Community
Sector**



Spirit of Manchester Awards 2016

Thank you to everyone who made a nomination to our Spirit of Manchester Awards 2016.

Our judging panel have now met to shortlist the many nominations we received and an incredible shortlist has been drawn up for this year's Spirit of Manchester Awards that really displays the diversity and creativity across the sector, the shortlist will be announced at a special event soon!



Turn over to find everyone that has been nominated.

Spirit of Manchester Awards 2016 nominations



Spirit of Manchester Awards 2016

These nominations reflect all the exciting and diverse work happening in Manchester's voluntary, community and social enterprise sector.

Nominations 2016

Volunteer of the Year

- Rizia Ahmed
- Oliver Bradley
- Sarah Brown
- Andrea - Claudia (service-user) and the Peer Support team at Self Help
- Jodie Connor
- Rose Cusack
- Malcolm Davis
- Zoe Davis
- Mary Gifford
- Natalie Halford
- Francesca Hannah
- Eve Hartley
- David Jones
- Sofia Kalu
- David Lomas

- Marie Meighan
- Penelope Naylor
- Dianne Ngoza
- Frank Rhodes
- Megan Robertson
- Elaine Robino
- Sarah Scott
- Janice Wilson
- Karen Wilson

Volunteer involving organisation of the year

- ALL FM
- Back on Track
- Emerging Futures Recovery Communities
- Inspiring Change Manchester
- Hayley Mullen for Cherished Gowns UK
- Norbrook Youth Club
- ReachOut
- Riff Raff
- Yasp Cafe (In association with Manchester Mind)



Volunteering team of the year

- Change4Good
- ChildLine Manchester – Volunteers
- Emmeline's Pantry Parlour
- Harpurhey Swimming Club
- Healthy Living Network
- Icebreakers
- Kresy Family Polish WWII History Group - Manchester Team
- Together Dementia Support CIC

Equalities award

- Awaaz Community Radio
- Big Life Families, Family In Need Service, Volunteer Programme
- The Donkey Assisted Therapy Centre Manchester
- Mark Dunn
- Equality and Diversity Unit, University of Manchester
- Just Psychology CIC
- Icebreakers
- Inspiring Change Manchester's Women's Voices Lived Experience Group
- ME1 PHD Ltd
- Samuel Remi-Akinwale
- YES Matters

Business citizenship award

- BW3
- Contour Homes
- Fabulous Fan Fayre
- Salut Wines
- Square Circle Theatre

Best service user involving organisation

- 42nd Street Peer Ambassadors
- Back on Track
- Community Services Team, Self Help Services
- Hope project
- Self Help
- Total Tuition Club
- Venture Arts

Most successful campaign / innovative project

- Agricultural and Rural Centre CIC
- Central Manchester Foundation Trust - Infant Feeding Team
- Greater Manchester Living Wage Campaign
- Greater Manchester Police
- Inspire Task Force
- Life in Colour CIC
- North City Nomads
- Twinkleboost CIC
- Wythenshawe Safespots
- Yaran Northwest CIC
- Yellow Jigsaw

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Best partnership initiative / collaboration

- Age Friendly Whalley Range and Chorlton and the University of Manchester
- Cross Organisational Co-production Community of Practice
- Henshaws Charity
- Ladybarn Community Association and Southway Timebank
- Manchester Carers Forum
- Manchester Mind and the Autistic Society for Greater Manchester
- Mancunian Way / Cedar Mount Academy
- Mind Your Money Project
- Nexus Art Café Safe Haven
- ReachOut
- Together Trust
- The Tutor Trust

Health and wellbeing award

- Creative Living Centre
- Icebreakers
- The Kiera Project

- Ladybarn Community Association
- Old Moat Greenies
- Tone and Trim the Community Gym

Best Community Space

- Friends of Angel Meadow
- Growing in the city
- The LGBT Centre
- LGBT Foundation's Community Resource Centre
- Merseybank Estate Group
- Whitemoss Club for Young People

Contribution to the sector

- Jamal Baig
- Kush Chottera
- Majid Dar from Community on Solid Ground
- Neil Eubanks
- Christopher Gibbs
- Allan Grafton
- Shahnaz Women's Group
- Judith Shaw
- Beulah Tomlin from Mothers Against Violence

Spirit of Manchester Festival 2016



1 – 10 October 2016

Do you want to showcase your organisation by holding a festival event?

The Spirit of Manchester 2016 programme is encouraging Manchester's voluntary, community and social enterprise sector to run an event highlighting the great work you do.

It's also a great time to raise awareness of any current issues.

Our role is to help you publicise your event once you have told us what it is you have decided to do.

Resources and ideas can be found on the Spirit of Manchester webpage:

<http://bit.ly/1XwrXO8>

Remember you can get in touch with us and help spread the word through our social media pages:

Facebook Spirit of Manchester

Twitter @McrCommCentral

#SpiritofMcr16





Chief Executive's update

The idea that 'change is the only constant' is not new. The Ancient Greeks understood it. For all of us working in the voluntary community and social enterprise sector, constant uncertainty is something we learn to live with but it can be hard to understand what the real change is rather than what appears to be changing. It seems to be a feature of 2016 that we're losing a lot of famous talented people. I never met David Bowie (or Prince, Alan Rickman, Victoria Wood, etc.) but I felt a loss that we'd hear no more from him. The odd thing is that my experience of these people hasn't actually changed - they're as 'real' to me now as they ever were and I can see them any time by watching a DVD or going on YouTube – which is all I could do anyway. Sad as the news is, what has actually changed about that?

When things appear to be changing we feel anxious because it's as if the landscape around us is shifting and we suddenly won't know our way round any more. One of the ideas I've come across recently is the idea of planning and leadership around 'volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity' (VUCA). Like 'SWOT' (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) or PETLE' (Political, Economic, Social, Technological, Legal, Environmental), this is a way of trying to navigate - or plan a way forward in a situation which is very complex. I've heard a lot of people in our sector say in the last few years that it's pointless trying to write a business plan because so many things around us change that it's out of date by the time you've done it. I used to say that too – but I think we have to be bolder than that. We have to cut through the complexity and plan for we want to achieve. If 'volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity' are what is around us, how are we going to respond?

After years of austerity, there have been enormous changes to what the public sector looks like: services and institutions we used to work with have changed massively. And now we have Greater Manchester Devolution which will lead to even more. I've been talking a lot to people about Devolution in the last few months and it strikes me what everyone's asking for is a map. The big question is how to navigate this new landscape?

The most important thing I can share is that there isn't one. This is uncharted territory. There is no map.



Chief Executive's update

And the second most important thing is not to wait around until someone else draws the map because by then it will be too late.

In all the public announcements about GM Devolution the focus has been on 'deals' and 'powers' but really that's only the space on the map being marked out, the boundaries being redrawn. What it doesn't do is define what's going to happen within that space. And I think that's where all of us in the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector need to think about what we'd like to see on the map. I think the big opportunity in Devolution is that space it creates for doing things better and differently. There's less money around but we know that's not going to change any time soon so what can we do? If we're going to push for a voice in Devolution, we need to be able to say what 'better and differently' actually looks like. There's a big risk that someone might ask us what we want...and I'm not entirely sure we'd have our best answer ready. We need to draw our own map.

Over the next year, public debate on Devolution will start to develop further as we head towards the elections for the GM Mayor. This is already happening as more candidates join the race. This is going to be a completely unique opportunity: remember the Mayor's role is the only addition to the democratic process directly related to Devolution so this will be the first real opportunity for the public to affect the way Devolution works. Do you know what you'd like to hear from the candidates? What do you think the public should be asking them about?

So a good place to start is by making sure what your organisation is absolutely clear about what it's trying to achieve. Not what you do but what you want. If you can be confident and clear about that, then navigating through all this change will be a lot easier. All of our organisations have a 'mission' in some form or other: I think the most important thing is always to be clear about what that is – but just now, perhaps it's more important than ever.

Mike Wild, Chief Executive

Volunteering news

Volunteer Centre Manchester Training Programme

Volunteer Centre Manchester is putting on a series of training programmes over the next year (April 2016 – March 2017) for both, organisations and volunteers.

The first of the training for organisations begins in April with our 'Volunteers and the Law' course. 'Volunteers and the Law' is repeated again in May and the course takes place over a full working day to provide a great insight in to what procedures and precautions you should be taking when working and engaging with Volunteers.



Other training for organisations will include 'Recruit and Retain Volunteers', 'Managing Volunteers' and 'Writing and Developing Meaningful Roles' that will be useful for organisations that want to create volunteer roles that really stand out, to improve your chances of attracting volunteers.

For volunteers we have a 'Mental Health Awareness' training session, which will enable people to recognise signs and symptoms of mental health problems and how to respond appropriately. 'Learning to speak better in public' is another piece of training and there will be several more training sessions on offer throughout the year.

Although the training sessions we will deliver are important, we do promise to keep them as fun and engaging as possible!

For our full list of training opportunities see <http://bit.ly/vcmtraining> or to find out more information please contact us on 0161 830 4770, or email:

info@volunteercentremanchester.co.uk

Volunteer Centre Manchester Volunteer Celebration & Fair – Volunteers Week

Volunteers' Week is a chance to be part of the UK's biggest celebration of volunteering, recognising the contribution of 23 million people who volunteer in their communities across the UK.

Volunteer's week takes place from 1 June – 12 June this year, and to coincide with it, Volunteer Centre Manchester will be holding our very own volunteer celebration event.



The event is our chance to recognise and reward the great work and commitment that Volunteer Centre members carry out through their volunteering. The celebration event will be a mix of volunteers getting together to socialise, share stories, receive certificates, and have fun.

All volunteers are welcome to come and experience the day but if you have a hard working, committed and reliable volunteer that you would like to nominate for one of our recognition certificates, login to your VERA account and click on the VCM Recognition Certificate button to register them.

In addition to, and as part of our celebration event, we are holding a Volunteer Fair. This is a great opportunity for organisations to occupy a stall and talk to potential volunteers about the great work you do and give direction on how they can get involved.

Lastly, Macc are in the process of putting together our new calendar to highlight important events, seminars or fairs taking place in our sector over the coming year. If you have any dates that cover these areas and would like to have them included in the calendar for all to see, please get in touch at: info@volunteercentremanchester.co.uk and we will be happy to list them!

Legal updates

Sandy Adirondack is a freelance management consultant and trainer working exclusively in the voluntary/not-for-profit sector. Her main specialism is legal aspects of voluntary sector governance and management, and helping boards become more effective. Sandy provides a free legal update website for voluntary organisations which helps organisations keep up with changes in the law and circulates email notifications when the website is updated.

Recent updates to the website include:

Company law update - Register of people with significant control

From 6 April all companies, including charitable companies and community interest companies, must have a register of people with significant control (PSC register) of individuals and legal entities which have 'significant influence or control' over them. There must be a register even if there are no PSCs, or even if the company is dormant. The rules are relatively straightforward for most of the companies, but may be complicated for some companies so read the information carefully. For further information, visit: <http://bit.ly/1TMiejP>



Keeping up with the SORPs

Nearly all UK charities' annual reports, and many charities' annual accounts, have to comply with the statement of recommended practice for charity accounts (charities SORP). For financial years starting before 1 January 2015 the 2005 SORP applied. For financial years starting in 2015 (i.e. the annual accounts and reports you will be producing in 2016) some charities have to comply with a new FRS 102 SORP and some have a choice between the FRS 102 SORP and a FRSE SORP. And for financial years starting in 2016 it will be the FRS 102 SORP for all. For further information, visit: <http://bit.ly/1YcwfbQ>

Increase in audit threshold

For financial years ending on or after 31 March 2015, the income threshold at which registered charities in England and Wales are, in general, required to have a full audit – rather than being able to choose whether to have an independent examination or full audit – was increased from £500,000 to £1million.

In addition, the total group income threshold at which parent charities should have group accounts was increased from £500,000 to £1million, and the preparation threshold for group accounts

was increased from £500,000 to £1million.

For charities with total assets (before liabilities) more than £3.26million, the income threshold for audit remains unchanged at £250,000.

Even where there is no longer a statutory requirement to have an audit and it would therefore appear that an independent examination is adequate, it

is necessary to check whether an audit might be required by the charity's governing document or its funders. Or the charity may choose to have an audit to provide additional assurance about its financial situation to funders, donors and other stakeholders, or because audited accounts could be required when bidding for some contracts.

For further information., visit: <http://bit.ly/1UEeAuA>



Small Charity Week runs 13-18 June 2016. It celebrates and raises awareness of the essential work of the UK's small charity sector which makes an invaluable contribution to the lives of millions of individuals, communities and causes across the UK and the rest of the world.

There's a wide range of events going on which can be found on the website: <http://smallcharityweek.com/> and follow @SCWeek2016 to see how you can get involved.

Small Charities Day – 13 June

Small Charity Week kicks off with a day devoted to raising the profile of small charities everywhere.

Big Advice Day – 14 June

A day of free 1to1 support across the country, you choose the topic and you'll be matched with an expert advisor.

Policy Day – 15 June

Policy Day is a chance for small charities to engage with policy makers and influencers at a reception in London and at local events across the UK.

Fundraising Day – 16 June

There are a range of fundraising opportunities to take advantage of.

Volunteering Day – 17 June

A day to bring small charities and volunteers together to advertise or find volunteer roles and there will be three free events to help you to meet volunteers.

Celebration Day – 18 June

Celebration Day is intended as a great big thank you to small charities for all the effort you put in to make the world a better place.

North West Turkish Community Association

North West Turkish Community Association (NWTCA) is a newly registered CIO.



The charity seeks to bring together the Turkish-British community in the North West, to reduce isolation and to increase knowledge and understanding of the Turkish culture and language. NWTCA organises community events and activities where people of all ages and nationalities can come together to experience Turkish culture through Turkish music, festivals, dance, food and art.

NWTCA provides English and Turkish language classes for children and parents to increase their language and communication skills and to facilitate their integration into British society. Their school North West Turkish Academy serves as a cultural connection to their students, but also serves as a community building platform for the rest of the community.

Through the language and cultural activities NWTCA also seek to reach out to people and include those who are socially isolated, whether by culture, language barriers or for other reasons.

NWTCA sought support from Macc to formalise its structure. An Organisational Development Worker supported the group to prepare its governing document

and policies and to make the application to register as a CIO.

“Sarah has helped us to choose the right legal structure when we decided to move on from community group to an organisation.”

“Sarah has helped us with the application process and was available to answer any questions we had. It was really convenient and reassuring to know that we had somebody to consult whenever we needed.”

“Thank you so much for everything. I don't think we would be able to do this without your help.”



NWTCA is currently busy preparing to take part in Manchester Day in June and is encouraging the community to get involved. The group is also looking forward to the upcoming visit to Manchester of a well-known Turkish folk music singer.

Manchester's groups

J7 Fitness CIC



Hi, my name is Javeno. I've been a qualified fitness instructor for over 11 years delivering a variety of community fitness initiatives in North Manchester.

My observations during this time supporting the community through sports and fitness were that people living in North Manchester faced mental, financial and physical barriers to exercising. I felt compelled to help them overcome these barriers as my passion is supporting people to see the change they want through hard work. That may result in weight loss, better fitness generally or improvement in their wellbeing. I decided to come up with an offer for each barrier.

For those who:

- Do not enjoy exercise - I offer a varied range of fun activities and team games that will help to make it more enjoyable
- Cannot afford it - I try to offer free or discounted rates that will be offset by external funding
- Are afraid or feel out of their depth - Our team of instructors will make the introductory process very easy and work at your pace until you are comfortable
- Are too busy with family life - We offer family session where all can join in!
- Have reduced ability due to condition or illness - We have 'soft' circuits and exercises for everyone

All of this support is underpinned with sound, practical advice on nutrition and lifestyle changes.

In order to deliver this programme I needed help to make it happen in an organised way to benefit the community and also benefit me. I contacted Macc for support to explore my options going forward. I was informed about the various legal structures I could choose and the importance of incorporation to help manage risk. It turned out that the Community Interest Company structure was the best one to take my idea forward the way I envisioned it. Thanks to Macc's support, J7 Health and Fitness is now a registered CIC running from various community spaces and venues across North Manchester.

Keep your eyes open as we are now being supported to explore the option of managing our own community space!



If you're interested in what we do, contact Javeno Mclean, on 0758 511 5789, or email: Javeno_mclean@hotmail.com

Policy and Influence news

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

Still trying to explore what the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector's role in Devolution is / could be. I'm a member of the GM Devolution VCSE Reference Group which is working out some key messages about what the sector wants and could do. We're also trying to find out who the people actually working on Devolution are and build up relationships with them. This is a lot of legwork rather than anything concrete at this stage but we're aiming to put some clear information on our website over the summer.

I recently welcomed lots of local VCSE groups and public sector commissioners to two events: one to celebrate the end of our Reducing Social Isolation grants programme and another to launch a new programme around Mental Health and Wellbeing. Both of these are pots of money from the NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups and it give us a great way to show what the VCSE sector can do with relatively small amounts of money invested in a reasonably simple way. The evaluation from the Reducing Social Isolation programme will be published in June.

I've talked a lot about Open Data over the last few years (sharing information in ways that other people can make practical use of it) and we've developed a policy around this for Macc including adopting the '360 Giving' standard on open data around grants. The Open Government National Action Plan has just been published and has a commitment to work in line with this standard. I'm really pleased about this as our work is an example which has been used by others to influence this approach with Government. This is a great bit of news because it means other funders – especially the Lottery – will be expected to follow suit which means we can increase the pressure on them to distribute funds more equitably across the country: one of the priorities in The Way Forward (<http://bit.ly/1Q7mjiE>). This won't change the world overnight of course but for once it's a nice simple example of the 'long game' of trying to influence.



Claire Tomkinson – Wellbeing Development Lead (Team Leader)

One of the main aspects of my role is to facilitate greater collaboration between the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector and health colleagues.

South Manchester Community Explorers are people who work in the VCSE sector in Manchester and have given their time and expertise to work in partnership with Manchester Clinical Commissioning Groups to ensure that the sector is involved in the development and co-production of services in Manchester.

This will soon be expanded to North and Central Manchester and is a great forum for sharing what is going on and discussing the role of the sector in the integration of health and social care. This has strong links to Living Longer Living Better, One Team and a new Social Prescribing service that is being developed.



Nigel Rose, Strategic Lead Commissioning

Macc is working with Manchester City Council and Clinical Commissioning Groups on a proposal for a slice of the £450million Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Transformation Fund.

My work has focused on grants, social prescribing, community development and provision of information.

Part of Manchester City Council's new asset approach 'Our Manchester' is the development of a 'single pot', bringing together a number of grant programmes together. I am part of the initial working group.

Greater Manchester Social Value Network will be holding its first conference on 2 June 2016. There will be speakers from Manchester University, Businesses and Social Housing Providers, as well as a round-up of everything to do with social value happening in Greater Manchester.

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Allison Foreman, User Involvement Worker

Since starting my new role in January I've been working with user led groups that Macc is currently facilitating, getting to know more about their experiences, interests and work.

One of the groups, Manchester Mental Health Charter Alliance (MMHCA) is starting its first peer-to-peer research project, commissioned by NHS Central Manchester Clinical Commissioning Group. Over the next few months the group will be gathering people's views of crisis mental health services. The research findings will be used to inform service planning and delivery.

This is a very exciting development for MMHCA who plan to produce and share a report of their findings in October 2016. If you'd like to hear more about the group's work please get in touch with me at: allison@macc.org.uk



Pauline Clark, Policy and Influence Worker

We are currently beginning to plan our next Voluntary Sector Assembly which will be themed around Manchester City Council's 'Our Manchester Strategy'.

The Our Manchester Strategy looks at utilising the energies of local residents by volunteering, organisations in the voluntary sector and businesses.

This strategy has been developed following a consultation process that took place late 2015. This explores what Manchester might look like in 2025.

Voluntary Sector Assembly - 8 June 2016

This Voluntary Sector Assembly (VSA) is an opportunity for you to share, learn about and discuss some of the key issues affecting the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector in Manchester and to be part of **The Way Forward**, a set of proposals to maintain and increase the impact of the VCSE sector in Manchester.



Date & Time: Wednesday 8 June 2016, 1pm-4.30pm

Venue: Halle St Peters, 40 Blossom Street, Ancoats, Manchester, M4 6BF

The two main topics for the next VSA are:

- 1. Our Manchester: Manchester City Council's Asset-Based Approach**
Speaker: Sara Todd, Deputy Chief Executive, Manchester City Council
- 2. The Future for Social Housing Providers in Manchester**
Speaker: Wythenshawe Community Housing Group

Our Manchester – An Asset-Based Approach

Manchester City Council is developing a new approach to working with Manchester organisations and communities called 'Our Manchester'. It is an asset-based approach, and VCSE organisations are some of the key assets in the city.

What does Manchester City Council intend to do differently as part of this approach and what do we think they should do?

The Future for Social Housing Providers in Manchester

Social Housing Providers are facing significant cuts as a result of changes to the amount of rent they can charge. What impact will this have on their residents, their ability to provide services to the wider community and on their partnership work with other VCSE organisations?

Please Note: Places are limited so booking is essential

Click here to register:

<http://bit.ly/1NV38JB>

For further information contact Pauline, on 0161 834 9823, or email:

pauline@macc.org.uk

Local news and events

Join in the Great Manchester Lunch for local charity Talbot House

Is there anything better than catching up with friends over lunch? Talbot House think not and this summer they are asking you to do just that whilst supporting local charity, Talbot House, with The Great Manchester Lunch.



Talbot House is a support centre based in Newton Heath, Manchester which has been supporting the parent carers of people with learning disabilities for over 35 years and have helped thousands of families in this time. Talbot House is a one-stop-shop for all the parent's needs including; help with form filling, emotional support and advocacy. With your help they can continue to provide these services.

Holding a Great Manchester Lunch is really easy, you can do it at work or at home, in schools or even in the wider community.

For more information and to request a free fundraising pack, visit: www.talbot-house.org.uk or contact 0161 203 4095.

Using Community Reporting and drama techniques in youth work - Training for Youth Workers

People's Voice Media are offering this training free training opportunity for youth workers in partnership with Greater Manchester Youth Network.



This 3-day course will give participants the opportunity to:

- Learn to use storytelling and drama combined with pocket digital technology to capture and share stories from your young people
- Become a Silver Level Community Reporter accredited by the Institute of Community Reporters

There are 15 free places for youth workers on this 3-day course which is co-funded by Erasmus+.

Dates and times: This is a 3-day course, participants must be able to attend all 3 days, 1 June 2016, 8 June 2016 and 15 June 2016, 9.30am-4.30pm.

Venue: Greater Manchester Youth Network, 27 Ardwick Green North, Manchester, M12 6FZ

For more information and to book a place contact 0161 274 3299, or email: quina@peoplesvoicemedia.co.uk

Do you want your news / event included?
Let us know by emailing:
info@mcrcommunitycentral.org

Courses to improve your resilience

Manchester Mind is running two different programmes to help improve wellbeing, lift mood and build resilience to help you cope with life's challenges. Both courses run for two hours a week over six sessions and are free to attend.



Building a Healthy Future in Retirement is aimed at anyone over 55, whether retired yet or not.

Building a Healthy Future with long-term conditions is open to anyone with diabetes, heart disease or any type of muscular skeletal problem including arthritis, fibromyalgia or chronic back pain.

For more information and to enrol, visit:

http://manchestermind.org/Building_a_Healthy_Future.php, or contact Ruth on 0752 712 7786, or email: bahf@manchestermind.org



Wythenshawe Games

Wythenshawe Games is Manchester's largest community sports festival, taking place in and around Wythenshawe and centering on the beautiful and historic Wythenshawe Park and Hall.

This year the Games will include:

- Drop-in Family Activity
- The Pop-up library
- The Teentakeover
- Interactive Health Zone
- Over 50s Day
- Sport For All Day
- Girls and Women's Day
- Family Fun Weekend

Everything at Wythenshawe Games is free to Wythenshawe Residents.

For more information, visit: www.wythenshawegames.org.uk



Greater Manchester Community Renewables is about to launch a share offer to raise £180,000 to fund the installation of solar panels on three schools in Salford and a community building in Trafford.

This will save them money, reduce carbon emissions and inspire children (and grown-ups!) to learn about energy and climate change – and any profits will be used to fund eco-friendly projects in the local community.

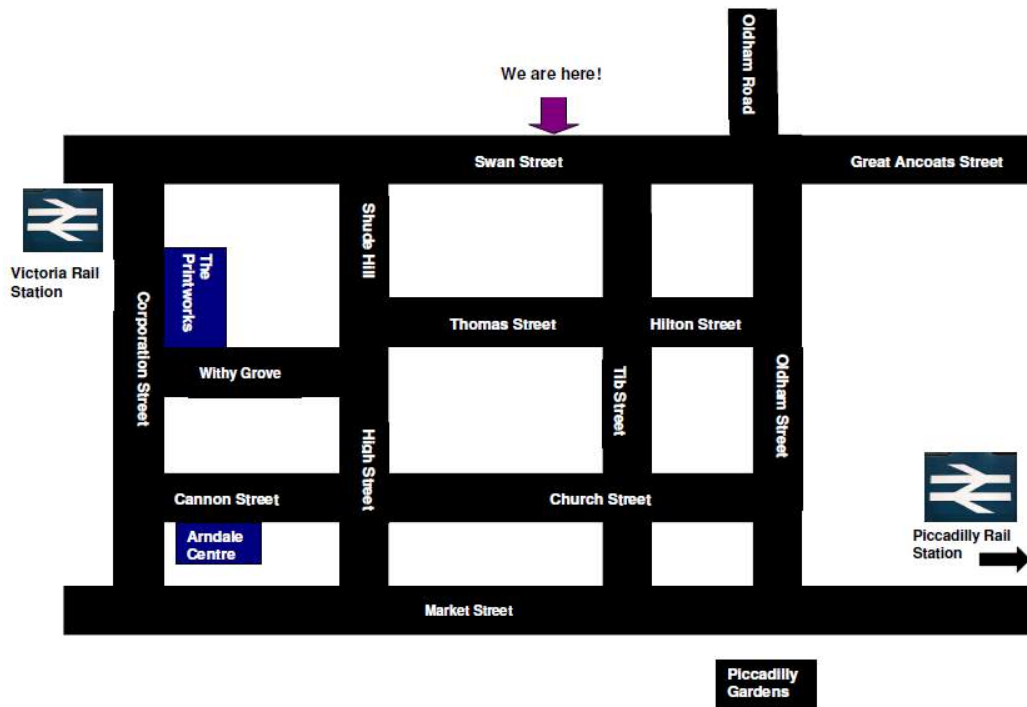
To find out how you can help to meet the fundraising target, visit: www.gmcr.org.uk or search for @WeAreGMCR on Facebook or Twitter.

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