



## Registering as a CIO

### Reach Out to the Community

Reach Out to the Community is a project which was set up by two people from Elliott's Fruit and Veg shop in Chorlton Precinct. Over recent years, we have successfully provided support to rough sleepers, street beggars, the homeless and other vulnerable people in the area.

Having a base in the local area that is open six days a week has meant that this service is accessible and available for those people that need it.



We have gained the support of the local community and work very closely with GMP and Manchester City Council. The success of this project and the need for it has led to a point where Becky and Steph will be winding down the fruit and veg business and concentrating on the Reach Out to the Community Hub which opened up in July 2017. The hub helps us to raise funds to help sustain the project and is somewhere that local rough sleepers can go for support with access to benefits advice and computers.

We contacted Macc for some assistance and advice with our application for registering as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Our trustees had 3 meetings with a representative from Macc who offered some guidance with our application and also with replying to further questions from Charities Commissions. We were also advised about training sessions that Macc provide.



We are so grateful for the support that Macc gave and were happy to receive our Charity Status in December 2017.

The help and support I received from Macc was not only vital but empowering. We all learned so much and felt guided by Stuart from Macc in a friendly and informative way. Coming into this sector as a novice they made their time offered accessible and answered any questions no matter how silly I may have felt asking. I am extremely excited to hear Macc offer a Trustee Training Program which I hope to attend and now feel confident doing so due to my previous experience with Macc. Personally, I cannot thank them enough for their educated encouragement, patience and kind support

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