



A celebration of the amazing work of volunteers, charities,  
community organisations and social enterprises in Manchester



Dear Friend,

**Let's celebrate the amazing community work delivered by over 3300 groups in the city of Manchester**

The **Spirit of Manchester Awards** celebrates and recognises the amazing work being done by Manchester's voluntary and community groups, charities, social enterprises and volunteers. There are over 3,900 groups delivering fantastic work and over 100,000 people regularly give their time for free to a huge range of activities across the city of Manchester. There is a lot to celebrate and many amazing stories to tell!

Now entering its sixth year, the Awards are the central part of our Spirit of Manchester programme and firmly established as one of the highlights of the year for the city. We continue to grow the Spirit of Manchester year on year. We do this with no budget but a lot of shared effort, partnerships, creative thinking and, above all, goodwill. This is not a black tie awards, it's a grassroots celebration of the work of the wealth of volunteers and community organisations across the city of Manchester.

Last year, Bernie Wood - General Manager at Talbot House was the recipient of the Dr Sylvia Sham Award for Contribution to the Sector. Bernie, whose association with Talbot House began 40 years ago, was chosen by an independent panel of judges for her devotion, commitment and dedication to supporting parents of children with learning disabilities.

For more information about how the Awards programme works see our website:  
[www.manchestercommunitycentral.org/spirit-manchester-awards](http://www.manchestercommunitycentral.org/spirit-manchester-awards) or call us on 0161 834 9823.

This year's Awards will once again take place in early October. I would like to invite you to join in with our programme and show your support for the work of our local volunteers, community groups, charities and social enterprises. Overleaf is a list of ways you can support this year's Spirit of Manchester Awards.

Most of all we want your help in sharing the story and celebrating the Spirit of Manchester:

- Use social media to spread the word about the Awards and our range of activities using **#SpiritofMcr18**
- Tell your friends, family, colleagues, employees, contacts about the Spirit of Manchester programme – you can find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/spiritofmanchester>

We also use the Awards as an opportunity to help make even more great things happen by raising as much money as we can to put into local community groups. Our **Spirit of Manchester Fund** gives mini-grants to local community groups to enable them to support more people and build voluntary action in deprived parts of the city. One of the groups who won a mini-grant this year, The Proud Trust, used their £500 to work with a professional illustrator in a creative workshop for International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia 2018. They told us that the grant meant they could work with other organisations to reach a more diverse group of people. They also said they want to continue to offer these kinds of workshops in future. The Spirit of Manchester Fund gave them a chance to try something new.

Macc's day to day work is to nurture and develop community organisations across the city. We want to encourage more people and organisations to be active in local communities. An important part of what we're trying to achieve in with the Spirit of Manchester programme is to build relationships between local businesses and local causes – so we would love to see lots of supporters giving whatever they can. Money is always welcome but we especially like creative ideas which come from who you are and what you do and which connect people. So if you're a café owner, you could donate a free lunch to raffle or offer to host an event for a local group. If you're a marketing business, you could offer to design a free leaflet or poster for one of our winners.

This is a fantastic opportunity to support Manchester's many communities, voluntary groups and volunteers and get involved with some brilliant people. We would really appreciate any support you can offer. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you in advance!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Wild', written in a cursive style.

**Mike Wild**

Chief Executive



## Show your support for the Spirit of Manchester Awards 2018

### Award Supporter

A donation to support one of our award categories.

Suggested amount £500.

Funds will be used to support the running of the Awards in 2018 and any unspent funds will be rolled forward to support the 2019 programme. We will also give you two complimentary tickets to the awards event.

Limited options available: please contact:  
[cheryl@macc.org.uk](mailto:cheryl@macc.org.uk)

- For major donations we like to invite the donor to announce the winner and present the award
- Your name/logo included in our supporters display at the awards ceremony
- Your name/logo included in our Awards brochure and on our website
- A supporter logo to put on your publicity for one year
- Anonymous donation if you wish

### Event Supporter

A donation towards the costs of running the event suggested amount £250. Funds will be used to support the running of the Awards in 2018 and any unspent funds will be rolled forward to support the 2019 programme.

Alternatively, if you would like to contribute in kind to our hosting and presentation of the event, please contact us.

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### Raffle Supporter

A donation in the form of a prize for the raffle which would be drawn on the night. It might be a product or services you already provide: e.g. free tickets, vouchers, a haircut, cake: anything you can think of!

Funds raised from the raffle will be given to local community groups through our Spirit of Manchester Fund.

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### Supporter

Simply donate to our Spirit of Manchester Fund. You can make a donation online:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/spiritofmcr18>

Or by you can donate by texting MANC03 £2 / £5 / £10 to 70070. Within 24 hrs you'll get a reply to let you know the donation has been successful - and a link to an online form where you can add your details to claim Gift Aid. (Macc will retain the Gift Aid as a contribution towards running costs.)

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