



Annual Report 2017



Every year companies and charities like us, have to write an annual report to tell members, supporters and funders what we have done. This is our report for 2017. It tells you what we did from April 2016 to March 2017.

25 YEARS
1992 to 2017
I AM A PERSON
NOT A LABEL

Management Committee

Our 2016 Annual General Meeting was held on 27 October 2016. It elected: Nathan Cairns; Ronnie Hailwood; Steven Hopkins; Paul Hughes; Shirley Odell; Tricia Phillips and Tracey Robinson, to be our management committee. Steven Hopkins did not take up his place. Rose Purcell was co-opted onto it.

The committee has met each month. The committee's job is to make the big decisions about what MPF does and see that the staff work well.



This Annual Report was presented to our 2017 Annual General Meeting held on 26 October 2017.



Annual General Meeting
Thursday 26 October 2017
12am to 2pm. Free Lunch

AGM

3 Broughton St Cheetham Hill M8 8RF



Our staff have stayed the same: Stephen Hughes (Project Manager); Andy Needle (Project Coordinator); Derek Owen (Admin Support); David Dunnico; Barry Hills and our Service Auditors: Stephen Blake; Louise Crowley; Joanne Hickinbotham and Christopher Kenny.

Looking back and looking forward

This year Manchester People First is 25 years old. We have grown to be a respected and liked organisation in the city. And this year we have been working on telling people about our history in a 'Hidden Histories' exhibition, which will be held at Central Library in November. It reminds us about some of the important things we have done, such as the time we went to the Houses of Parliament.

But we have not just been looking back. We have been telling people about what is important to people with a learning disability. We do this by going to conferences and running stalls at events.



Work with other groups

We have done some important work with other groups such as Ambition For Ageing, Confirm and Challenge and the Manchester Learning Disability Partnership Board.

Today, we have to work hard to keep up with all the work we are being asked to do – from Internet Safety to helping with different parts of the All Age Disability Plan.



We have to do all of this and struggle to get enough funds to run. This has been a problem for a few years, and we had to close our office on the South side of Manchester and close our evening social groups, to save money. This will always be a problem, but by being very careful our committee will manage and we will carry on.

Events

We have been busy with a mix of events at our office. Some were fun, like our Rio Rave Olympic sports day or our Talent Show. Some were informative such as the Health Workshops and some were fun and informative, such as our Cookery Club.

As well as holding our own events, we were part of things going on in the region, such as the North West Self-advocates Conference in Blackpool, or the Learning Disability Week, which this year was about relationships.



People

We think it is important that the people who make decisions that affect us listen to what we think. So we have invited politicians to come to our Chatty Tuesday sessions. This year we welcomed, Tony Lloyd who was the Police and Crime Commissioner, Manchester MPs Graham Stringer, Lucy Powell and Jeff Smith. Afzal Khan, who was a Euro MP at the time, also visited us. We also did work with our members about voting, so they can take part in elections.





We had talks from the Fire Brigade and Ambulance Service, and lots of other visitors. Once again we had a workshop about hate crime with speakers from the Police, the council, NHS, Victim Support and St. Mary's Centre. The young people from the National Citizen Service were regular visitors and we did health and fitness sessions with Emma, who organised a special event for International Women's Week.

If you want to know what is going on this year, read our newsletter, or look on Twitter and FaceBook to find out what we are doing.



Newsletter

To save money we now publish our newsletter 'Speak Up' 3 times a year instead of 4, but we have added pages to it, so we save money on postage, but members still get the same amount of news.

Charges

We have also had to introduce charges. We have managed to keep them down to £2:50 a day, or £5 with lunch.

Service Audit Team



Our audit assistants have carried on visiting people who get services and writing reports for the people who commission services. From April 2016 to March 2017 we interviewed 120 people who lived in services run by 10 different providers.



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Our Accounts for 2016 and 2017



Income (Money we get)

Consultancy and Training £450
Just Info Project £975
Support £7,568
Grants £115,987
Other Income
Interest on Bank Account £60
Other Income £5,961
Donations £573

GRAND TOTAL of INCOME **£131,574**

Expenditure (Bills we pay)

Accountancy/Legal Fees/Bank Charges £2,421
Meeting Costs £4,085
Wages/Pension/Recruitment and Staff Training £114,465
Rent and Services £ 21,860
Insurance £1,043
Professional fees £5,996
Light, heat and power £1,792
Telephone/Internet £1,413
Print, Postage and Stationery £4,405
Sundries £2,517
Rates and Water £1,106
Equipment £617
Pubs and Subscription £44
Travel £626
Volunteer Expenses £185
Equipment Depreciation £ 30

GRAND TOTAL of EXPENDITURE **£162,605**

Surplus {Deficit} **£31,031**

These accounts are a summary
a full copy of these accounts are available upon request.
The Accounts were audited by:
Cadishead Accountancy Service Ltd,
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