

WORD ON THE STREET



**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**
FOR GREATER MANCHESTER

DECEMBER 2010

ARE YOU
**FOREVER
MANCHESTER?**

Forever Manchester, is a fundraising campaign from the Community Foundation that raises money to support the unsung heroes of Greater Manchester who are making a real difference to the lives of others, improving local communities for everyone.

If you love Manchester and want to be part of it, **join the gang!**

Go to the Forever Manchester website:
www.forevermanchester.com

Catch Forever Manchester on the Radio every Thursday at 7pm at **Manchester Radio Online** - www.manchesterradionline.com

You can also follow us on **Twitter** (@4EVRManchester)
Join us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/forevermanchester)

We've got loads of events, gigs, competitions and giveaways for you to enjoy.

IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS...

FOREVER MANCHESTER MUSIC FESTIVAL

The weekend just gone saw some of Britain's top unsigned bands come to town to perform for the Forever Manchester Music Festival!

The free event took over The Printworks for three days - 19th to 21st November - across five venues in conjunction with Manchester Radio Online.

The three-day mega gig, celebrated The Printworks' 10th birthday which kept it's promise of providing non-stop music from 60 of the country's best new bands. The venues included Hard Rock Cafe, Opus, Henry J Bean's, Old Orleans and Waxy O'Connors, and the main stage in The Pumpyard.



Some of the bands that played included **Modern Alarms**, **The 66**, **The Rainband**, and of course the headline act **Kid British** - who were awesome!

MRO's Paul Ripley, was quoted saying: "It's bit of a kick-back against the Pay-To-Play brigade. Our bands will be paid in beer, so they're on a rider. But it's more about promoting and supporting new music and unsigned bands. There's so much talent out there, we wanted to bring it together under one roof to a venue not previously known for live music."





Fred Booth, centre director at The Printworks, said: “We’re working hard in association with Manchester Radio Online and the Manchester Band Union to really support emerging bands from in and around Manchester, by providing a platform to perform on.

This isn’t just about celebrating the great music acts we have coming out of the city – it’s also about providing them with the support, and giving them somewhere they can show off their skills.”

Thank you to Stubeee for the photo’s!

SI SCOTT EXHIBITION



Forever Manchester presents a new and unique collection of iconic Manchester music posters from internationally acclaimed illustrator Si Scott.

The new exhibition of 11 posters, using a specially created bespoke typeface, features poignant lyrics from Manchester artists, including Elbow, Joy Division, Magazine, Doves and Ian Brown. Proceeds from sales to Forever Manchester.

The exhibition will run throughout December at Manchester Photographic Gallery, 3B Tariff Street, Manchester, M1 2FF

Opening Times:

Mon - Sat 10am - 6pm, late night Thurs until 9pm.
Other late nights and Sunday by appointment.

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WHAT’S GOING ON?

GROUP VISITS

Between 10th & 12th December - Saddleworth Carers Christmas Party

PANELS

1st December - Greater Manchester Sports Fund

2nd December - Seed Fund

2nd December - St James Fair Share

8th December - Sale Moor Fair Share

9th December - Borough of Rochdale Fund

25th January - Stockport Fund

27th January - Manchester Fund

OTHER

30th November - Si Scott Exhibition

2nd December - Forever Networking Event

4th December - Key 103 Media Bus

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



Don't forget to get yourself down to Cathedral Gardens (Near Urbis) on Saturday 4th December to see the Key 103 Media bus. We will be encouraging members of the public to take part in creating a number of mini adverts for Forever Manchester! The bus will be out from **10 - 4pm** !

There will be giveaways and goody bags for all those who contribute to making an ad and for those who sign up to Forever Manchester will be entered into a competition to win Warehouse Project tickets!

If you can spare a couple of hours on the day to help out with spreading the FM word then we would love your help. Please let Anna know by emailing anna@communityfoundation.co.uk

If you're interested in volunteering to help out on the day then let Anna know as soon as possible as the event is taking place on Saturday! We need as many people to help with promotion and to inform the public about FM and get people onto the bus!

Hopefully see you all down there!

GROUP IS QUALITY

Higher Blackley Community Association Thursday Club were recently awarded Quality Standard for funding. The group were funded through the Grassroots Grants scheme for equipment to enable them to improve the community centre. The grant was used to brighten, and bring the centre up to date.

John Nangle, group Treasurer, comments: "The change is wonderful. We now have two new classes: Belly dancing and oil painting and we have had several bookings for parties and meetings because people liked the new look."

The group had unexpected outcomes including a number of new bookings ; including children's parties, 2 dance school award ceremonies, numerous resident's committee meetings, plans for activities for life for 0-5yr olds, 5-11 yr olds and over, 65 exercise classes starting in January. Therefore thanks to this funding they have been able to offer more to the local community!

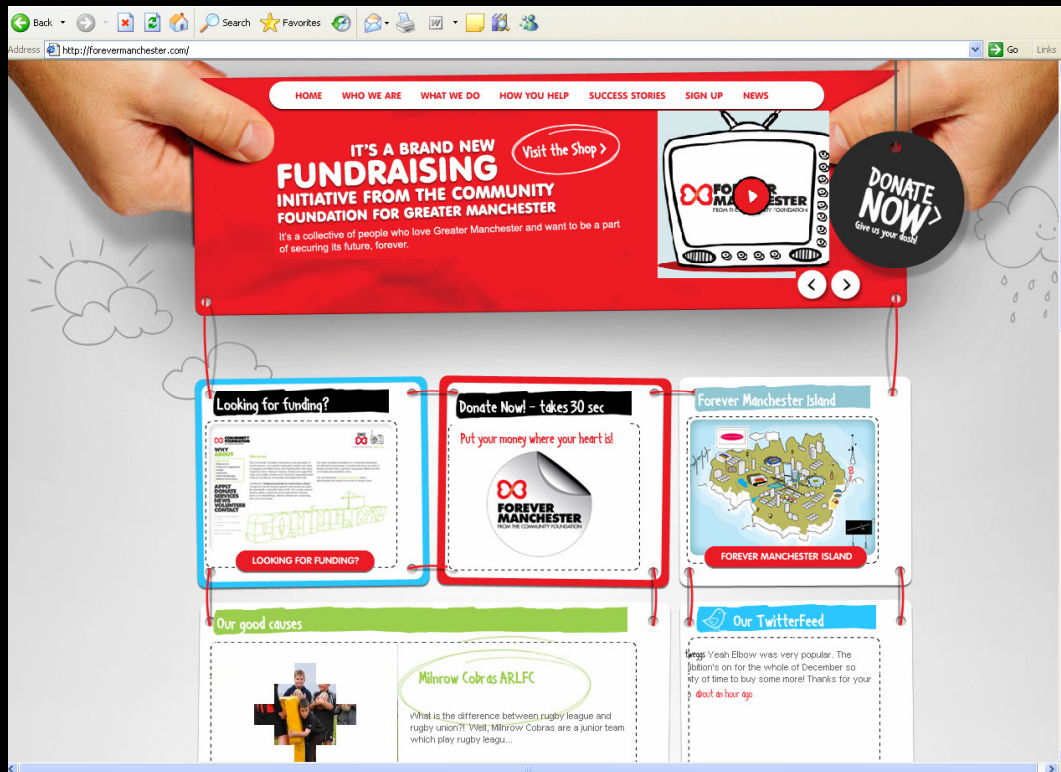
With regards to the Quality Standard John commented: "Just a quick note to say - on behalf of all the members of Higher Blackley Community Association Thursday Club - a big thank you for the award of the QUALITY STANDARD for FUNDING. The forms may have been completed satisfactorily but they have only been successful because of the help and coaching by your colleagues namely Sue and Tash and other members of the team who answer the telephone and patiently listen to the problem and then give suitable advice.

More importantly the biggest help was attending your workshop where you bullied us (oops sorry) cajoled all participants into sub-groups so that we could bounce different ideas of each other, thereby learning how other groups handle End of Grant pro-formas."

TRIPLE G

A couple of weeks ago Chris Wignall and a group of volunteers took part in the 'Triple G event' – a day of volunteering and fun activities held at Noiselabs on Market Street. Chris reported back that the event was a success saying: "This went fantastically – all the work put in by our volunteers paid off magnificently! The aim of the day was to teach people skills they could then pass on to others, who could do likewise, and so on – and this mission was definitely accomplished."

NEW WEB PORTAL



As you may or may not be aware the Forever Manchester web site has had a bit of a makeover! It is now known as the CFGM/ FM web portal and aims to bring both the organisation and the fundraising campaign closer together.

On there you will be able to find **success stories** about the groups that we have funded plus any **events** and **news** that we have to share with you.

If you haven't already done so, go and check it out at www.forevermanchester.com

FOREVER WARM

The Community Foundation is currently in the planning stages of creating a new campaign that is calling on all who can afford to forgo their Winter Fuel Payment (WFP) to donate the money to those for whom it is not nearly enough.

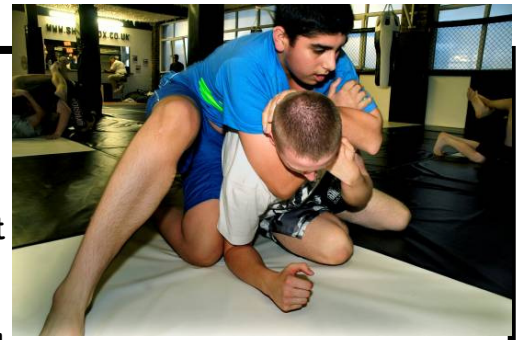
The WFP is a universal payment made to everybody over 60 on the electoral roll, during November and December. If a small percentage of those who qualify for this payment feel that they could donate their WFP, with gift aid, we could raise a significant fund to help those most at risk.

The money raised through the **Forever Warm** campaign will be used to support local charities and community organisations who can reach the people most in need of help.

CASE STUDY

LITTLE WARRIORS

This group is called Little Warriors - so it's not surprising that they provide a mixed martial arts academy!



Mixed martial arts combines the skills of wrestling, striking and submissions and is a good method of teaching self discipline. According to studies it has been shown that martial arts help prevent stress, and strengthen respect, discipline, confidence and control, concentration and focus.

Little Warriors set up to try and prevent anti-social behaviour from the young people living in the local area.

Martine Fairclough runs the club with her husband, in Radcliffe, commented: "Receiving the Irwell Valley Golden Foundation grant is helping to make a dream come true. We're right in the middle of Irwell Valley residents here and have got children of residents signed up to take part. People can see that something's happening and that we're committed to helping and making a difference and that we're trained to do that and at the same time are offering skills. It's great that Irwell Valley want to help their residents in this way and are willing to offer that support and have the vision to support a project in its infancy because they can see the benefits."

"We want to provide children and young people with a chance to gain self confidence, interact with others and at the same time giving them a worthwhile lesson in self defence. Bullies often have a sense of superiority over the others and their environment and lack impulse control therefore through this sport we want to help target the problem of bullying. They don't know how to manage their anger and take it out on people deemed weaker than them!"

Funding has enabled the group to cover the walls and floor in protective mats which is crucial to the sport as without it they wouldn't be able to participate due to safety.

SUE'S CORNER

Our Monitoring Clerk Sue gathers together all the lovely feedback from the groups, here's what a few of them have been saying:

"The grant has enabled us to reach more older people."

Member, Northmoor Live At Home Scheme

"As a single parent with no immediate family in Manchester these events have been a great way of making new friends and feeling part of a vibrant community. Shelly and her team of volunteers do an amazing job and we feel more at home in Stretford because of these events and the community spirit which is felt at them all."

Participant, Friends of Victoria Park

"I think it's the best thing I've got of coming here every Friday - meeting people and knowing that I'm not the only one who suffer of the current situation, also making friends and share information, food and drink. Getting useful information for us as there are many events being hold here and participating in different activities."

Member, Women Asylum Seekers Together