



# GREATER MANCHESTER COALITION OF DISABLED PEOPLE

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## INTRODUCTORY NEWSHEET - FEBRUARY, 1986.

The Coalition is an organisation controlled by disabled people, the primary objective being to establish a Resource Centre for the Greater Manchester area, to promote the integration of disabled people into society at all levels.

The Coalition is now based at 11, Anson Road, Manchester, 14, with 3 salaried workers in post:-

- 1 Clerical/Administrative Officer and
- 2 Information/Publicity Workers.

There is still one position to be filled.

The inaugural meeting was held last summer at County Hall when an Executive Committee was elected.

## LIST OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

David Goddard - Oldham.  
Lorraine Gradwell - Flixton.  
Ken Lumb - Middleton.  
Kevin Hyett - Stockport.  
Bernard Leach - Chorlton.  
Annette Taylor - Stockport.  
Linda Carroll - Longsight.  
Martin Pagel - Manchester.  
Henry Harris - Salford.  
Audrey Creighton - Oldham.  
Ian Stanton - Oldham.

Neville Strowger - Tyldesley.  
Saeed Ahmet - Manchester 16.  
John Wells - Chorlton.  
Jeremy White - Failsworth.  
Paul Mittler - Stockport.  
Brian Haine - Oldham.  
Mark Todd - Walkden.  
Keith Stevens - Moss Side.  
Reg Taylor - Denton.  
G.E. McIsaac - Timperley.

The intention of this newsheet (which will be produced monthly as long as funding is available) is to keep people informed of events and items of interest both local and national.

If you belong to an organisation or have any information you feel should be circulated, please send the details to the above address for inclusion in the next issue, Deadline 20th of the month, or contact:-

JANE ELLMAN     )  
SUE STIRLING    ) Information Publicity Workers on 061-225-4560.

GREATER MANCHESTER FEDERATION OF THE BLIND.

Sat. 8th. Feb.  
1986.

Meeting to be held at Manchester Town Hall - Old Building.  
(Entrance 2nd. door in Lloyd Street).

2-30pm.

Subject - General meeting followed by a chat over liquid refreshments. Discussion will take place on various matters of interest relating to the visually handicapped both national and local.

Help with transport costs may be available for first time attenders.

Contact- JOHN AND KAY WELLS. 061-881-4147  
PETER AND WENDY WILDE. 061-483-4959.

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P N P - PEOPLE NOT PSYCHIATRY / PEOPLE NEED PEOPLE.

Tues. 11th. Feb.  
1986.  
7.30pm.

Informal Meeting.

Tues. 18th. Feb.  
1986.  
7.30pm.

Manchester Town Hall Guided Tour.

Tues. 25th. Feb.

Schizophrenic Breakdown and Illness - Digby Tantam, Senior Lecturer in Psychiatry, Withington Hospital.

All meetings are held in the upstairs room of the Health Education Centre. The entrance is situated on the corner of Hardman Street and Byrom Street, opposite the Victoria public house, Crown Square. Hardman Street runs off Deansgate beside the Manchester Evening News/Guardian offices.

Contact - ALISTAIR COX. 061-228-3150.  
ROBERT BROUGHTON. 061-370-2287.

Access - NO access for wheelchair users.

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SLDA - SPECIFIC LEARNING DIFFICULTIES ASSOCIATION.

Tues. 11th. Feb.  
1986.  
6-30 to 8-30pm.

Open Evening - All welcome.  
To be held at Chorlton Health Centre, 1, Nicholas Road,  
Off Oswald Road, Chorlton.

Access - The information passed on to us was that there are  
no steps and that disabled persons toilet facilities  
are available.

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'WHITE PAPER BLUES'.

Tues. 11th. Feb.  
1986.  
9.30 to 4.00pm.

A day conference on the Government's Social Security  
proposals organised by the City of Manchester Welfare  
Rights Unit and Greater Manchester Campaign Against the  
Social Security Cuts.

To be held in the Banqueting Hall, Town Hall, Manchester.

Speakers - RUTH LISTER ( C.P.A.G.)  
PHIL ASHILL ( C.P.S.A.)

Plus - Nine workshops on all aspects of the White Paper.

Booking forms - These are available from the Welfare Rights  
Unit, P.O. Box 536, Town Hall Extension,  
Manchester, M60 2AF.

Closing date for applications Wed. 5th. Feb. 1986.

Access - For the disabled - Please press the bell at the Lloyd  
Street (Albert Square end) entrance to the Town Hall  
Extension. Staff will be on hand to escort you to the  
conference from 9 a.m. Please come as early as you  
can. Disabled people can use the staff canteen at  
lunch.

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'GREATER MANCHESTER HIGHWAYS AND DISABILITY GROUP.

Tues. 25th. Feb.  
1986.  
12.45pm.

This meeting will be held in Room 326, 3rd. Floor, County Hall,  
Manchester.

Contact - EDNA HUGHES. 061-748-2123.

Access - Contact the above number for information regarding  
access and parking arrangements.

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ADAPT - ACTION ON DISABLED PERSONS TRANSPORT.

Wed. 26th. Feb.  
1986.  
7.30pm.

Monthly meeting - to be held at the St. Thomas Centre, Ardwick.

Contact - PAT ENTWISTLE - 061-320-6957.  
DEREK HENSHAW - 061-436-4922.

Access - Good.

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INFORMATION SHARING DAYS.

Tues. 18th. Feb.  
1986.

To be held at Middleton College.

Thurs. 20th. Feb.  
1986.

To be held at Openshaw College.

Examples of some of the topics for discussion, both days covering the same topics.

- a) Short term care and fostering.
- b) Residential care.
- c) Resettlement from long stay residences.

Plus many more.

A buffet lunch will be provided.

Contact - For further information, transport or if you would like to reserve a display board/table, please contact one of the following.

PAT MCGOUGH - The Resource Centre, Beech Mount, Harpurhey, Manchester, M9 1ZU. Tel. 061-205-1364.

BERYL BARRY - Area 1 Social Services, Harpurhey District Centre, 25-26, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, Manchester. M9 1DP. Tel. 061-205-7321.

DANNY TUZ - Middleton Road Centre, Middleton Road, Crumpsall, Manchester. Tel. 061-740-1073.

Access - Both buildings are accessible and have toilets which have been adapted for people who use wheelchairs.

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SPICE - SPECIAL PROVISION IN CONTINUING EDUCATION.

28th. Feb to 1st. Mar.

Discussion on a multi-disciplinary approach to disabilities.

Contact - Further information and access please phone MONICA GASKILL, SERIS, 11, Anson Road, Rusholme, Manchester, M14 5BY. Tel 061-225-8319.



WHAT IS THE COALITION?

The Coalition is an organisation OF disabled people; that is, controlled by disabled people, whose primary objective is to establish a central Resource Centre in the Greater Manchester area to promote the integration of disabled people into society at all levels.

WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE?

To co-ordinate activities and resources relating to disability, throughout the area; and to advise and assist where possible with problems that confront disabled people.

To strive for the means whereby disabled people have control over their own lives e.g. in making decisions and arrangements for maximum independence in daily living.

To further the economic, social and environmental integration of disabled people and to promote equality of opportunity.

ORIGINS OF THE COALITION.

By the end of the International Year of Disabled People 1981, some form of co-ordinating group had been established in each of the 10 GMC districts. During the last 4 years these groups have increasingly shared their expertise and resources. This informal support of disabled people, by disabled people, eventually culminated in a Conference at County Hall in June 1984, where the steering committee of the GMCDP was nominated. 12 months later at the Inaugural Meeting an Executive Committee was formed consisting of disabled people from all areas of Manchester.