**DISABLED PEOPLE’S ARCHIVE CENTRAL LIBRARY SHOWCASE EXHIBITION**

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**Page 3. GMCDP Photographs Title Page**

**Page 4. 00211GMCDP126B23**

A group photograph of GMCDP members wearing black t-shirts with the words 'GMCDP 1985-1995' in green lettering. They are in an ornate building in front of a GMCDP info board that is covered in photographs.

**Page 5. 00010GMCDP126B23**

A photograph of one of GMCDP’s Annual General Meetings. A large group of people are sat around tables at Manchester Town Hall. Many of them have their hand in the air and are holding a yellow piece of paper.

**Page 6. 00042GMCDP126B23**

A photograph of three people in front of a large GMCDP banner. The central figure is a wheelchair user, to the left of the photograph stands a person speaking into a microphone. To the right of the photograph is a BSL interpreter.

**Page 7. 00006GMCDP50923**

Photograph of two people sat in a GMCDP office, one of them is on the telephone. The wall behind them is covered in colourful posters and there are shelves full of files. To the left of the image is a computer and monitor on top of which is a fan. At the front left of the photograph is a desk covered in papers.

**Page 8. 00147GMCDP126B23**

A photograph of three people stood and sat around a GMCDP information board at an open day event held at Stretford Sports Centre.

**Page 9. 00155GMCDP126B23**

A photograph of a GMCDP staff member manning a GMCDP information booth at an event held at the GMEX Centre in Manchester.

**Page 10. 00001GMCDP50823**

A photograph of six people, three of whom are wheelchair users blocking the number 41 bus to Altrincham at Owen's Park in Manchester.

**Page 11. 00002GMCDP50823**

A photograph of three double decker buses that have come to a standstill as disabled protestors block the road at Owen’s Park in Manchester.

**Page 12. 00035GMCDP126B23**

A photograph of eight people, some of whom are wheelchair users, stood outside the Houses of Parliament in London. Several of them are holding up a piece of paper to the camera, it is a poster or flyer of some sort. One of the group is wearing a top with the GMCDP logo on it. This photograph relates to anti-discrimination legislation that was passed in 1995.

**Page 13. 00013GMCDP126B23**

A photograph of a line of market stalls taken at the 1999 Independence Day Festival held at Albert Square in Manchester. Several people are standing or sitting behind the stalls. Along the top of one of the stalls are the letters GMCDP at which two people are being served. In the foreground of the photograph a wheelchair user and another person are passing by.

**Page 14. 00015GMCDP126B23**

A photograph of market stalls taken at the 1999 Independence Day Festival held at Albert Square in Manchester. To the left of the photograph is the Shop Mobility stall and the GMCDP stall. Lots of people are milling around chatting and looking at the stalls.

**Page 15. 00084GMCDP126B23**

A photograph of two people, one of whom is a wheelchair user, tending to a barbecue. This photograph was taken at one of GMCDP’s social events in the garden of the Carisbrooke Office.

**Page 16. 00049GMCDP126B23**

A photograph of a large group of people, many of whom are wheelchair users, socialising in an outdoor space. Everyone is looking at someone or something just off camera. In the background is a DJ booth. This photograph was taken at a GMCDP social event and barbecue held at the Carisbrooke offices in 1997.

**Page 17. Protest Photographs Title Page**

**Page 18. 5 following images:**

1. **00153GMCDP126A23**
2. **00178GMCDP126A23**
3. **00177GMCDP126A23**
4. **00150GMCDP126A23**
5. **00148GMCDP126A23**

A series of photographs showing an elderly wheelchair user who has thrown themselves on the ground at a protest. The photographs show eight police officers trying to get the wheelchair user off the ground, into their wheelchair, and ultimately into the back of a police van.

**Page 19. 00038GMCDP50923**

A photograph of a group of people behind a metal barrier. A wheelchair user is facing the camera. Behind them is a large banner with the words 'Charity No, Telethon Go. Block Telethon', the rest of the words are only partly visible. In the foreground, in front of the metal barriers, is another wheelchair user who is side on to the camera and has a film camera on their shoulder. This photograph was taken at the Block Telethon Demonstration in London in July 1992.

**Page 20. 00023GMCDP50923**

A photograph of a line of nine police officers stood outside The London Television Centre. To the left of the photograph is a wheelchair user with a placard that says, 'Charity no, Telethon no'. This photograph was taken at the Block Telethon Demonstration held in London in July 1992.

**Page 21. 00013GMCDP50923**

A photograph taken outside The London Television Centre building, in the foreground a policeman and two security guards stand at a metal barrier behind which is a crowd of people. In the background, standing immediately outside The London Television Centre building, are a number of people looking on. This photograph was taken at the Block Telethon Demonstration held in London in July 1992.

**Page 22. 00042GMCDP50923**

A photograph taken outside the London Television Centre building. Two police officers hold on to metal barriers as a security guard attempts to prevent someone from forcing their way through. To the right of the image is a wheelchair user and in the background are more police officers, a security guard, and other people with video cameras. This photograph was taken at the Block Telethon Demonstration that was held in London in July 1992.

**Page 23. 2 following images:**

1. **00011GMCDP50923**
2. **00015GMCDP50923**

Two photographs, the first of which depicts two security guards approaching a wheelchair user who is pulling down a banner from a truck selling Telethon merchandise. The second shows one of the security guards bending down to talk to the wheelchair user as the other security guard looks on.

**Page 24. 00009GMCDP50923**

A photograph of two people each holding up a newspaper article with the title 'What disables us is society'. To the left of them are three people with musical instruments and a microphone. This photograph was taken at a Block Telethon Protest in London in July 1992.

**Page 25. 2 following images:**

1. **00021GMCDP50923**
2. **00022GMCDP50923**

Two photographs taken at the Block Telethon Protest held in London in July 1992. The first shows three people, one of whom is a wheelchair user. Each person is wearing a T-shirt that says 'No Excuses' on the front, and each is holding a microphone. Behind them is a wire fence to which are attached several placards bearing anti-telethon slogans. The second is of a person speaking into a microphone. Behind them is a wire fence to which are attached four placards. One of the placards says, 'Telethon is the biggest tragedy in a disabled person's life', another says 'Bread and butter rights. Not jelly and ice cream treats'. The other two placards are only partially visible.

**Page 26. 00276GMCDP126A23**

A photograph of three police officers carrying a wheelchair user in their wheelchair across a road at a protest.

**Page 27. 00269GMCDP126A23**

A photograph of a protest showing two disabled people crawling along a road, one of them wears a t-shirt that says ‘Nothing About Us Without Us’. Behind them walk a group of people, some of whom are wheelchair users, holding a placard that says, ‘Disabled will die if benefits are cut’. One of the group wears a t-shirt saying ‘Free Our People’.

**Page 28. 00226GMCDP126A23**

A photograph showing a wheelchair user at a protest being moved out of the way of a county bus by two police officers. On the protestors knee is a set of handcuffs, but it is unclear whether the handcuffs were used by the police or the protestor.

**Page 29. 00009GMCDP126A23**

A photograph of a wheelchair user at a protest who is handcuffed to the side of a bus.

**Page 30. 00001GMCDP50923**

A photograph of a large group of protestors walking in the road, some are on foot, and some are wheelchair users. Five people carry placards, and one carries a megaphone. The central figure in the photograph wears a board that says ‘Listen Mr Clark we need Civil Rights to Access’.

**Page 31. 00026GMCDP126A23**

A photograph of six placards leant against a wall at a protest. Three of the placards are legible and say ‘We Want Rights Not Excuses’, ‘Rights Not Charity’, and ‘Absent MPs Will Be Voting No To Civil Rights’.

**Page 32. Independent Living Photograph Title Page**

**Page 33. 00470GMCDP126B23**

A photograph of the Independent Living North West event that was held at Bowlers Exhibition Centre, Manchester in 2000. The photo shows a disabled living stall with lots of people milling around. Above the stall are three enormous cloth banners that say, ‘Looking Good, Feeling Good’, ‘Disabled Living’ and the third banner has the logo of the Millenium Festival. On each banner is the image of a butterfly.

**Page 34. 00472GMCDP126B23**

A photograph taken at the Independent Living North West event that was held at Bowlers Exhibition Centre, Manchester in 2000. The photo shows a stall run by Pollock Wheelchair Lifts. There are two types of lift on display and there are two wheelchair users looking at the lifts.

**Page 35. 00315GMCDP126B23**

A photograph showing three young people, one of whom is a wheelchair user, crossing a busy road. One of the trio holds a camera up to their face. This photograph was one of the behind-the-scenes images for GMCDP's 'We Have Our Own Viewpoint' photoset, that promoted young disabled people’s independence.

**Page 36. 00481GMCDP126B23**

Photograph of a wheelchair user boarding the Airbus at Heathrow in 1988.

**Page 37. 00501GMCDP126B23**

Photograph of several young disabled people on the tram in Manchester.

**Page 38. 00500GMCDP126B23**

Photograph of a someone on a disability scooter. There is a sign on the scooter that says ‘Hire this Scooter FREE’.

**Page 39. 00529GMCDP126B23**

A photograph of a smiling GMCDP member getting into their car that has been adapted to suit their needs.

**Page 40. 00223GMCDP126B23**

Photograph of five people, three of whom are wheelchair users, in a Disney gift shop. The group is made up of young people and adults. Some of them are holding Disney plushies and one young person is holding a green balloon. This photograph was probably taken in the Disney shop in Manchester's Arndale Centre.

**Page 41. 5 following images:**

1. **00284GMCDP126B23**
2. **00285GMCDP126B23**
3. **00289GMCDP126B23**
4. **00290GMCDP126B23**
5. **00291GMCDP126B23**

A series of photographs of young disabled people, one of whom is a wheelchair user, on a trip to Munich in Germany. The young people are sightseeing, playing in the snow, shopping and socialising together.

**Page 42. 3 following images:**

1. **00533GMCDP126B23**
2. **00534GMCDP126B23**
3. **00535GMCDP126B23**

Three photographs of two people, one of whom is disabled, skydiving.

Page 43: Disabled Women Photograph Title Page

**Page 44. 00003GMCDP126B23**

A photograph of a presentation given by the Young Disabled People's Forum at A Simple Night Out held at Manchester Town Hall. The photograph shows a panel of four women sat at a long table. One of the women is speaking into a microphone. Behind the panel hang four t-shirts with various slogans including ‘Piss on Pity’ and another t-shirt from the Disabled People's Direct Action Network (DAN).

**Page 45. 00053GMCDP126B23**

Photograph of ten women, three of whom are wheelchair users, stood in an office space. On the wall behind them are shelves, files, and lots of posters. The two women in the centre of the group are holding what looks like a large card, or handmade poster. Two of the women are wearing t-shirts bearing the slogan 'DAN Nothing About Us Without Us'.

**Page 46. 00047GMCDP126B23**

Photograph of five women sitting on the grass socialising in an outdoor space. To the left of the photograph and only partially visible is a wheelchair user. This photograph was taken at a GMCDP social event and barbecue held at their Carisbrooke offices in 1997.

**Page 47. 00173GMCDP126B23**

A close-up photograph of a woman wearing a badge that says 'Rights not Charity'.

**Page 48. 00146GMCDP126A23**

Photograph of two women who are wearing t-shirts. One t-shirt bears the slogan ‘Piss on Pity’, and the other ‘Disability rights, the final frontier – To boldly go where all others have gone before’.

**Page 49. 00215GMCDP126B23**

Photograph of a smiling GMCDP staff member in an office space.

**Page 50. 00542GMCDP126B23**

Photograph of two women wheelchair users in the grounds of Nottingham University where they were attending BCODP’s Annual General Meeting in 1988.

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A close -up photograph of Lorraine Gradwell who was a key member of GMCDP. Lorraine sadly passed away in 2017.

**Page 52. 00143GMCDP126B23**

Photograph of a GMCDP member of staff sat at a desk. On the wall behind them is a large display that says 'Young Disabled People's Project'.

**Page 53. 00189GMCDP126B23**

A close-up photograph of a woman wheelchair user speaking into a microphone at some sort of event.

**Page 54. 00174GMCDP126B23**

A close-up photograph of the disabled radical poet Sue Napolitano speaking into a microphone.

**Page 55. Young Disabled People Photographs Title Page**

**Page 56. 00319GMCDP126B23**

A photograph of six young disabled people, including two wheelchair users, each of whom is holding a camera up to their face. This photograph was one of the behind-the-scenes images for GMCDP's 'We Have Our Own Viewpoint' photoset, that promoted young disabled people’s independence.

**Page 57. 00320GMCDP126B23**

A photograph of five young disabled people, one of whom is a wheelchair user, at a ten-pin bowling alley. Three of them have their hands in the air in celebration. This photograph was one of the behind-the-scenes images for GMCDP's YDP 'Strike Out the Barriers' photoset, that promoted young disabled people’s independence.

**Page 58. 00300GMCDP126B23**

A photograph of five young disabled people, one of whom is a wheelchair user, bowling at a ten-pin bowling alley. This photograph was one of the behind-the-scenes images for GMCDP's YDP 'Strike Out the Barriers' photoset, that promoted young disabled people’s independence.

**Page 59. 00295GMCDP126B23**

A photograph of five young disabled people at a bar enjoying a few drinks. This photograph was one of the behind-the-scenes images for GMCDP's YDP 'Two Halves of Lager And A Large Slice Of Civil Rights Please' photoset, that promoted young disabled people’s independence.

**Page 60. 00293GMCDP126B23**

A photograph of four young disabled people sat in a living room, having a few drinks and watching television. This photograph was a publicity shot for GMCDP's YDP 'Two Halves of Lager And A Large Slice Of Civil Rights Please' photoset, that promoted young disabled people’s independence.

**Page 61. 00317GMCDP126B23**

A photograph of four young disabled people lounging around in a living room, some are on the floor, some on chairs, smoking, drinking, socialising, and listening to cassette tapes. This photograph was a publicity shot for GMCDP's YDP 'Two Halves of Lager And A Large Slice Of Civil Rights Please' photoset, that promoted young disabled people’s independence.

**Page 62. 5 following images:**

1. **00100GMCDP126B23**
2. **00101GMCDP126B23**
3. **00102GMCDP126B23**
4. **00103GMCDP126B23**
5. **00104GMCDP126B23**

A series of five photographs showing seven young disabled people, one of whom is a wheelchair user, putting on a sketch of some sort in a sunny outdoor space. This photograph was taken at one of GMCDP’s family events held at their Carisbrooke office.

**Page 63: Arts and Artwork Photographs Title Page**

**Page 64. 00665GMCDP126B23**

Photograph of three young people sat at a table that is covered in paints and paintbrushes. They are creating their own pieces of art.

**Page 65. 00479GMCDP126B23**

Photograph of a young wheelchair user showing off their artwork.

**Page 66. 00477GMCDP126B23**

Photograph of four young people sat and stood around a table that is covered in paints and paintbrushes. They are creating their own pieces of art.

**Page 67. 00664GMCDP126B23**

Photograph of two people showing off their art work.

**Page 68. 00506GMCDP126B23**

Photograph of three young people sat and stood at a large table. On the table are four bottles of paint.

**Page 69. 00515GMCDP126B23**

Photograph of four young people sat and stood at a long table creating a large piece of art together. Some of them are painting and some are cutting things out of a magazine.

**Page 70. 00510GMCDP126B23**

Photograph of three young people creating a large piece of art using paints, felt tip pens, and images cut from magazines.

**Page 71. 2 following images:**

1. **00511GMCDP126B23**
2. **00509GMCDP126B23**

Two photographs showing young people working together to create two pieces of art. Within the artwork the words ‘What’s up?’, ‘Depressed’, ‘Happy’, ‘Sad’, ‘Women’, ‘No’, and ‘Just kidding’ are visible.

**Page 72. 00516GMCDP126B23**

A close-up photograph of a colourful piece of art created by a group of young disabled people. Clearly visible in the piece is a rainbow, a sun, a smiley face, and the words ‘stay happy, and ‘express yourself’.

**Page 73. Disabled People’s International Events Photograph Title Page**

**Page 74. 00077GMCDP126A23**

A photograph showing a trailer bearing the logo of the 2003 European Year of . The logo is a cartoon-like drawing of two disabled people holding a banner displaying the web address [www.eypd2003.org](http://www.eypd2003.org/). Behind the banner is a drawing of young person in a wheelchair with their carer. Above this are two golden circles inside which are drawings of disabled people smiling and waving.

**Page 75. 4 following images:**

1. **00067GMCDP126A23**
2. **00069GMCDP126A23**
3. **00068GMCDP126A23**
4. **00071GMCDP126A23**

Four photographs showing an event held in Birmingham to celebrate the European Year of People with Disabilities in 2003. Two of the photographs shows the trailer and stage set up with a banner along the front that says ‘Welcome to the EYDP Bus!’ There are lots of people, many of whom are wheelchair users, milling around. The third photo shows a close-up of the stage where there are four speakers, one of whom is a wheelchair user wearing a black t-shirt with the words Disability Pride splashed across the front in bright pink letters. The fourth photograph shows a Disability Pride stall run by Birmingham City Council.

**Page 76. 00583GMCDP126B23**

Photograph taken at the Disabled People’s International (DPI) Regional Assembly held in Lisbon in May 1988. The photograph shows two members of a panel, one is seated and the other stands as they address the audience. Behind them is a large banner sporting the DPI Vox Nostra logo.

**Page 77. 2 following images:**

1. **00527GMCDP126B23**
2. **00241GMCDP126A23**

Two photographs of speakers at the International Seminar on Human Rights, held as part of the Disabled People’s International Regional Assembly at Lisbon in May 1988. Both photographs show three speakers sat in front of a large banner sporting the DPI Vox Nostra logo.