



Manchester 
City of Sanctuary

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"Awesome"

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people have directly benefitted from our events and services this year.

12



VOLUNTEER ENGLISH TEACHERS WITH 31 STUDENTS

"it's a good group that needs more support and publicity"

27



SHOPPING BUDDY PARTICIPANTS



50 people have received a bike, safety equipment and training.

Let's talk numbers.

"Very helpful in lots of ways"



Trustees

WE ♥ OUR volunteers

54

Volunteers for our events

169

 PEOPLE ATTENDING

"Interesting place to be"

Paid worker



1

thank you

18

PARTNER ORGANISATIONS



SOCIAL MEDIA CORNER

922



565



164



597





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"It's a place where we can leave our trouble and have fun and laugh"

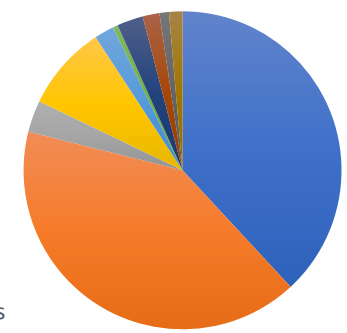


Who have we worked with?

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| TCRC | WeMatter | Ultimate Spirit |
| Maternity Stream | Rainbow Haven | WAST |
| 3 Schools in the North West | Manchester Cathedral | RAPAR |
| Z-arts | Cross Street Chapel | The Boaz Trust |
| Home Theatre | The National Lottery | Inspire Longsight |
| | GM Police | |

How do we spend our money?

Manchester City of Sanctuary Expenditure 2014-2015

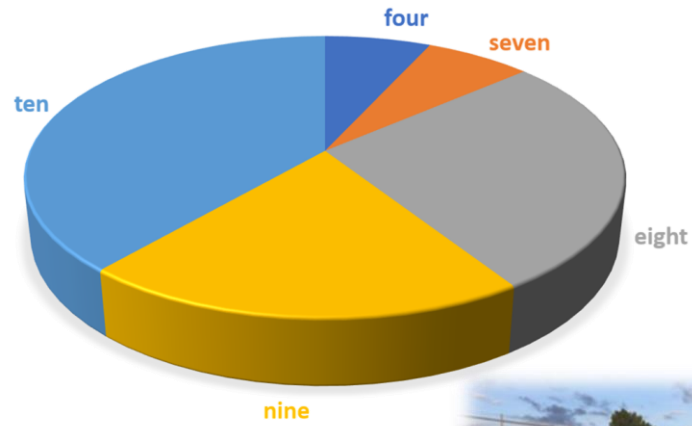


- Wages
- Conversation Club & Community Meal (Bus fares & refreshments)
- Venue hire
- Volunteers Expenses & Travel reimbursement
- Facilitator fees
- Groupspaces
- Equipment & stationery
- Communication Text Messaging
- Governance & Training

Income	Amount
Individual giving	£772.00
Bank Interest	£1.33
Grants	£17,923.60
Cycling Project	£544.19
Other Income	£350.00
Own credit	£135.00
Total	£19,726.12
Expenditure	Amount
Wages	£5,908.34
Conversation Club & Community Meal (Bus fares & refreshments)	£6,329.00
Venue hire	£501.00
Volunteers Expenses & Travel reimbursement	£1,342.83
Facilitator fees	£307.64
Groupspaces	£80.99
Equipment & stationery	£412.00
Communication Text Messaging	£264.60
Governance & Training	£150.00
Insurance	£211.46
Total	£15,507.86

What our members say:

WHAT DO OUR MEMBERS GIVE US OUT OF 10?



"It's very good and amazing"



"So wonderful"

"I want to express my gratitude to City of Sanctuary for helping and supporting"



9 OUT OF 10
of our members
(well, actually 9.4)
would recommend
US
to a friend.



Supported by



Thank you to our partners and funders!

Because City of Sanctuary is about building a culture of welcome it is paramount we work with both locals and sanctuary seekers. Here's a brief look at our main partners this year.

As well as those represented by their logos here, we have to mention: To our patrons, Diana Hamilton-Fairley and Michael Gorham, for their amazing generosity. To Roger Rendell and Max Sumner for crowdfunding the English classes they taught themselves. To Matt and Rena Jackson who ran a Marathon for us! To all our supporters and members who ran in the Manchester 10K to fundraise for us. To our awesome volunteers who always go above and beyond in helping our sanctuary seekers. To Reza, a member who designed our Everything you need to know booklet. To the hundreds of people who gave online and crowdfuded for our cycling and English projects. Whalley Range on Wheels, Manchester2Calais, The Beech Band, Helen's WindQuartet, POD art collective, Wordplay Community Arts, cycling friends and Bolton Soroptomists also deserve a massive thank you for their work with us and commitment to Sanctuary seekers. Thank you so much!



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"It's a nice place to meet people"

Message from our Co-Chair

Since City of Sanctuary started in Manchester 7 years ago it has come a long way. I remember our first events which would sometimes only have 10 people, or even less. Travel expenses were paid out of volunteers' own pockets. Over time we grew: Refugee Action started supporting us with logistics and funding, and the National Lottery's funding allowed us to employ our first worker, who did incredible work building our capacity and spreading the word.

"It's always lovely to see this place open for all those in need"

We are so lucky now to have Jane Graystone working with us today.

Her dedication to sanctuary seekers in Manchester is really inspirational and her impact cannot be overestimated. It's also great news that we now have a second worker, Angela Harrison, to work alongside Jane co-ordinating volunteers. This year we also received a very generous donation from a Patron, Diana Hamilton-Fairley, who has secured our core funding costs for at least 2 years which is fantastic news indeed. Without incredibly generous people like Diana, and our dedicated volunteers, our work would simply stop.

We now regularly have 80-100 people at our larger monthly events, 3 schools of sanctuary (with 2 more pending), a maternity stream, a growing shopping buddy scheme, ultimate frisbee teams, English classes, cycling classes, have worked with choirs to record whole albums with our members, and have had published a booklet written by sanctuary seekers for sanctuary seekers in Manchester. We have already distributed 1000 of these and are distributing 2000 more. In all these ways, and in bigger ways to come, we are helping make Manchester a welcoming place for Sanctuary Seekers. None of this would have been possible without our supporters and volunteers: thank you so much!

"It's amazing"

"Fantastic"

Aims and Objectives of Manchester City of Sanctuary

- 1) To advance the education of the public about issues relating to refugees and people seeking asylum or sanctuary.
- 2) To promote health and wellbeing in Manchester amongst sanctuary seekers.
- 3) To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupations in the interests of social welfare to improve the conditions of life of people in need.
- 4) To provide training to those people who have need of it for their benefit including refugees, people seeking sanctuary, and people refused asylum in the UK.
- 5) The promotion of equality and diversity by promoting activities to create understanding and engagement between people from diverse backgrounds



"It's amazing. It is welcoming - uplifting"

"It's good"



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**“When I first came here,
it felt like home”**



A Message From Our Development
Worker, Jane Graystone



“I think it’s very fun and nice”

Vision for the future

**“A place that
understands your
process”**

Growth of schools and sanctuary

Building our volunteer base with our co-
Ordinator

Building relationships with local businesses

Working with GM council and Andy Burnham
to solve the sanctuary seeker transport issue

Helping launch a NEST (New evidence Search
Team) in coalition with other agencies.

Our first year of being a charity has been about strengthening MCoS and making the organisation sustainable. We are grateful to the 5 Trustees who have joined us and the 3 new advisers who have complemented the team.

The Supporters who have stepped up to take on responsibilities such as event organising, website management, graphic design, shopping buddy coordination, fundraising & English Classes have made such a quiet and significant impact, much of it behind the scenes but not unnoticed.

We are now at a new stage of development with more secure funding and increased staff hours. The Launch of the EY2K Booklet with Andy Burnham raised our profile and many organisations and public sector departments are asking contacting us for copies and for partnership working.

It is a real privilege to get to know so many wonderful people, who show such dignity and resilience in the face of the suffering that the asylum system inflicts. They have taken me rapidly from pity to admiration. They are their own best witness. It only takes one friendship with a sanctuary seeker to change you for ever.