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How to use this guide

1. Use the contents page or the index to find out the contact details of the organisation you want to contact
2. Contact that group
3. Contact them again when they don't reply
4. Contact Climate Emergency Manchester (contact@climateemergencymanchester.net or @ClimateEmergMcr on Twitter and we will make use of the limited amount of your time/energy that you have to share, making sure not to exploit you as we do it. We will even try to make it rewarding and fun.

On a serious note, just dive in. Or you can read it from page 1 to whatever.

Why to use this guide

The current system is not delivering even for the people it used to deliver for, let alone for those who have always been on the pointy end - women, people of colour here and elsewhere, other species, future generations.

You know this, we're not going to hit you over the head with the latest horrifying and all-too-believable unbelievable statistics.

You are probably, because you are smart, quite skeptical that any group you are going to get involved with has All The Answers and will fix any of the problems. One individual, one group, no chance. Lots of groups, in movements? Movements linking with other movements? Who knows? We absolutely do not have all (or any) of the solutions to this, but we're hoping that this directory can help point you in some semblance of a direction.

Disclaimers

We make no claim to being "complete" or up-to-the-minute. Apologies to groups we've left out this time round - if you think you should be included, please let us know!

Some groups featured here will disappear. There's also no guarantee of quality of groups, and our acknowledgement of the groups featured here as of our launch date of 12/7/2021 =/= unwavering, unconditional support.

All information decays. Dead Tree Format (paper) information decays exponentially.

Next snapshot edition will appear on Tuesday 4th January 2022

Exclusion criteria

Anything racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic, classist or achingly neoliberal (Also, all this info-deficit/behaviour change stuff and the horse it rode into town on, it can go fuck itself)

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1)What is Project Strawberry?

“Project Strawberry” is an attempt by Climate Emergency Manchester to be an active part of improving the culture of active citizenship/campaigning/whatever you wanna call it in Manchester (and by that, we mostly mean the city of Manchester, although some of the groups in this directory are based more widely in Greater Manchester).

It has three elements.

1. Strawberry meetings. Monthly networking and skill-sharing meetings. These started well, but attendance dropped off quickly. Currently suspended, may be restarted in September.
2. This - the directory in your hands
3. Strawberry Statements - a monthly news sheet, in both dead tree format and online. We are going to try this out for five months, from September 2021 through to January 2022. If it “works” (and the success criteria and metrics are currently under discussion) AND we also have capacity, and the opportunity costs are not too severe, then we will continue it.

In a nutshell, all of this is based on the following aim: we want to make it easier for people to **find** other individuals and groups in Manchester. We want to make it easier to find people with

skills and knowledge that you lack. Ultimately, we want to create a social norm that makes it normal for you to contact them and say “help”, and for you to be contacted by other folks who say “help” to you..

Maybe sometime, if you buy us a pint and a packet of crisps (the big ones) at the Sandbar, we can bore you to death with metaphors about ecosystems and infrastructures of dissent and resistance (Sears, Shantz and all that jazz). But now is not the time for that.

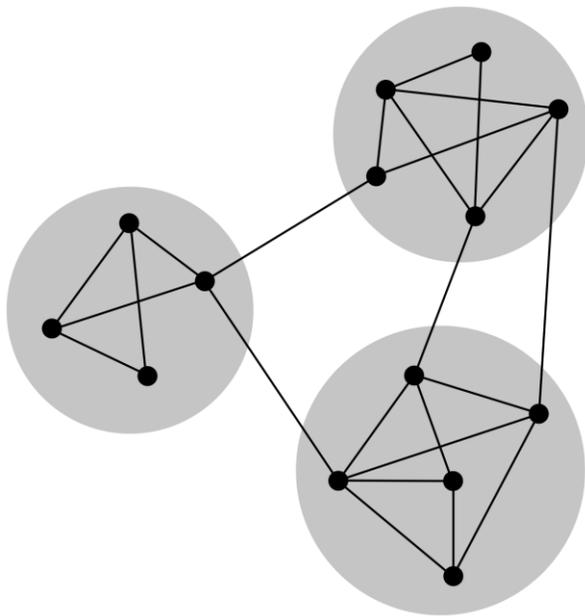
A disclaimer - Project Strawberry is not an attempt by CEM to be a vanguard, to demand others follow our repertoires or analysis. But then, if we were that kind of eco-Leninist (or even eco-trot) we would say something like the above, wouldn't we...

Final point: words like network and movement and movement-building get thrown around loosely, as if everyone knows what they mean, as if everyone shares a common understanding. Decades of painful experience have taught me that this is not a safe assumption.

So

What a network is

A network is simply a bunch of people/organisations connected to other folks through formal and informal ways..



Some networks are densely connected, others have a few central gatekeepers - if these got taken out, the network would become much more fragile. There is a whole science around this. It's not ALWAYS the case that more densely-connected networks are “better”, but it is usually the case that people who get themselves into gatekeeper roles tend to like the power and want to keep it.

So, how is a movement not the same thing as a network?

A network is just a phenomenon that allows for the communication of information back and forth and around. It doesn't act to try to change anything in the world

What a movement is

As Diani notes, one definition has it as *"a group containing 'a plurality of individuals, groups and/or organizations, engaged in political or cultural conflicts, on the basis of shared collective identities."* (Diani, 1992)

It has a shared opponent.

So, while there is an issue network around climate change in Manchester, many of the groups have either no particular focus, or else a semi-amorphous national/international focus, occasionally dipping into local issues.

We (CEM and others) need to walk and chew gum at the same time. We need to both create a larger and more densely-connected network and ALSO to build a movement. The network will always be bigger than the movement - there will be members of the network who do not (or cannot) be seen in public opposing the particular stupidities-and-worse of the City Council, but who are able to offer types of useful support.

So, this brings us to movement building.

What movement building is

"Movement building" is a term gets bandied about to cover any number of things that an individual or group might be doing or want to do, or find easy to do.

We at CEM would say that this is not movement-building (see below). We would say that movement building at a minimum includes

Care for the self (performative martyrdom and (inevitable) burnout helps nobody, hurts almost everyone)

Care for the other, their (developing) capacities, while being aware of their other commitments.

Creating and maintaining a collective memory so that the opponents can't keep using the same basic tactics. At least force the opponents to innovate, for heaven's sake

Creating increased skills and knowledge within and "between" groups

What movement building is NOT

Relentless mobilising to go on marches, especially in other cities

Talking at people and telling them they are wrong/ignorant/duped

Bludgeoning them into buying papers

Being stuck in an endless cycle of emotion-based “getting out on the streets”

What success would look like (our current answer. Iterative blah blah)

If individuals and groups across the city started

- thinking strategically about what skills and knowledge they have, and how to share those with other groups.
- thinking strategically about what skills and knowledge they lack, and how to ask other groups for help
- thinking (and doing) around thickening the network (making contact with other groups and individuals) and making it easier for new individuals and groups to “join” the network.
- understanding some of the basic pathologies that groups (and networks) experience, and taking steps to make those pathologies less likely to occur and less damaging if (when) they do.

Climate Emergency Manchester will do what it can to help build this network/movement. Obviously, we cannot (and should not) be doing this on our own....

2) Climate Emergency Manchester

CEM is a group of people in Manchester, set up in March 2019. It has two aims

AIM 1 Thriving

"For us to thrive as active citizens (in a broader ecosystem of resistance that includes close supporters, allies and interested by-standers). That is, we as CEM sustain ourselves and support each other, to grow in numbers, in skills, in relationships, and to ensure the conditions under which we as individuals within the group, the group as a whole, and its allies can continue to thrive."



We are weak alone. Nobody wins unless everybody wins. So,

AIM 2 What we do with the thriving

“To use the power that this thriving gives us (skills, knowledge, connections, credibility etc) to put consistent and substantial pressure on Manchester City Council and other local centres of political, economic and cultural influence, so that Manchester's responses to climate change are rapid, radical and do not harm the poorest and marginalised in society.”



Services to the movement

Sounds pompous af, doesn't it? We in CEM believe that we are only going to have even a tiny effect if other groups and individuals are able to act more strongly. We have done various one-off support of other groups. We can only run around so much. We hope that this Snapshot will get people browsing with the basic question *“how can I help groups who have bravely publicly identified gaps in their current skills and knowledge”* and then contacting those groups...

Active Citizenship Toolkit

We devised an “Active Citizenship Toolkit” - www.activecitizenshiptoolkit.net



It breaks down a whole series of skills and knowledge a group needs into individual elements (everything from writing press releases to dealing with conflict, from freedom of information act requests to dealing with public order situations. Each of these elements has a descriptor for what a novice, practitioner, expert and ninja might be able to achieve. We in Climate Emergency Manchester have used this format to do an audit of our organisation.

We were able to identify absolute gaps (nobody had the necessary element at the needed level) and also “single points of failure” (only one person did). We then created a programme of learning and training to start closing the absolute gaps and to remove the single points of failure.

It has not been easy, but it has made us a lot stronger, more confident.

We would love to work with other groups around this. If you are interested, please get in touch with us.

3) Key concepts and info we think we all need

The draft of this Snapshot included basic explainers around

- climate change (the science, the history of the failed attempts to do anything about it)
- The 30 year history of Manchester's failure on climate change.
- Neoliberalism, the spatial fix, the sustainability fix, the iron law of oligarchy
- Activist pathologies (the tyranny of structurelessness, the smugosphere, the emotacycle, ego-foddering)

But, you know, life is short and we will put out separate publications on this. The one survivor of the cull is **“intersectional environmentalism”**.

Climate change is not only an environmental, political or economic issue, it is also an ethical one. Why? Because not everyone will be hit equally hard by the climate crisis; the most harmful effects of climate change will be experienced by people who have contributed the least to the problem – especially poor, marginalised and indigenous peoples in the Global South. As such, the term ‘climate justice’ focuses on the normative issues surrounding climate change. Climate justice is founded on the principle that climate impacts are not distributed equally, and can often exacerbate pre-existing inequalities and inequities.

‘Intersectionality’ is a framework that examines how different social factors (e.g. race, class and gender) intersect and overlap to oppress and discriminate against individuals and groups. The term was coined by Professor Kimberlé Crenshaw in 1989. Crenshaw argued that social factors such as race and gender should not be considered in isolation because they overlap to produce unique modes of discrimination.

Thus the concept of ‘intersectional environmentalism’ offers a useful framework to understand how climate justice is closely associated with other social justice issues, such as race and gender equality.

To understand this better, consider how the experiences of a low-income, heterosexual white woman differ from a lower-income bisexual Black man living in America. While both of them are marginalised on the basis of class, the woman also experiences gender discrimination, while the man experiences racism and discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Thus, intersectionality can help us navigate and analyse the different systems of oppression that overlap to discriminate against individuals and groups.

While intersectionality has mostly been used in the context of feminism (i.e. intersectional feminism), more recently, it has also emerged in the climate justice movement. As Leah Thomas, a young Black environmental activist and founder of the [Intersectional Environmentalist platform](#) explains,

“Intersectional Environmentalism is an inclusive version of environmentalism that advocates for both the protection of people and the planet. It identifies the ways in which injustices happening to marginalized communities and the earth are interconnected. It brings injustices done to the most vulnerable communities, and the earth, to the forefront and does not minimize or silence social inequality.”

Adopting an intersectional environmentalist framework helps everyone understand why climate justice cannot be achieved without dismantling other systems of oppression such as institutional racism and sexism. This can also come in handy when trying to explain to your friends and family why climate justice and systemic injustices cannot be addressed in isolation.

You can download [this section of the handbook as a pdf](#).

See also

<https://www.intersectionalenvironmentalist.com/>

4) Groups

Lots of disclaimers!

To keep this section manageable, we included

- a) Groups that signed our open letter
- b) GMHA signatories
- c) Stuff from the Student Climate Handbook
- d) Other groups we are aware of
- e) Skills each group wants category may be longer by the time you're reading this

It would be wrong to say that this selection of groups is comprehensive or representative of the environmental and social justice groups and initiatives in Manchester - this is a first edition, and we were always expecting it to be somewhat idiosyncratic! If you would like your org to be included in this rather eclectic mix, please let us know.

If we haven't included your group and you think we should have, please do not be so offended that you don't contact us! We have a website we can add you to. We can make sure you are in the second edition. Likewise, if we've lumped your group into a category or section that you don't feel is representative of your work, let us know so that this can be updated in future editions.

You may find that the descriptions and information of each group aren't overwhelmingly consistent - this is because each organisation has provided information in their own words! To everyone who's contributed their details for this directory: thanks so much, we really appreciate you being part of this.

Campaigning Groups

Climate Emergency Manchester

Logo...

Group description Non-partisan organisation mainly focused on holding Manchester City Council and other cultural institutions in Manchester accountable for (in)action on climate change.

Contact Details website: <https://climateemergencymanchester.net> ; contact@climateemergencymanchester.net ; twitter @climateemergmcr ; instagram @climateemergencymanchester

Purpose of Group: Aim One -For us to thrive as active citizens (in a broader ecosystem of resistance that includes close supporters, allies and interested by-standers). That is, we as CEM sustain ourselves and support each other, to grow in numbers, in skills, in relationships, and to ensure the conditions under which we as individuals within the group, the group as a whole, and its allies continue to thrive.

Aim Two- To use the power that this thriving gives us (skills, knowledge, connections, credibility etc) to put consistent and substantial pressure on Manchester City Council and other local centres of political, economic and cultural influence, so that Manchester's responses to climate change are rapid, radical and do not harm the poorest and marginalised in society

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share: How to run meetings, Strategy, Research (including Freedom of Information Act requests, Report Writing, Letters to Newspapers, being interviewed, Archival research, history and science of climate change

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group WANTS: Animation, graphic design, project Management

Global Justice Manchester

Contact Details

<http://groups.globaljustice.org.uk/manchester/>; globaljusticemanchester@fastmail.com; twitter @globaljusticemanc; facebook @globaljusticemanchester

Purpose of Group

We campaign for justice in the global economy. Global Justice, not Just Us! As a local group of Global Justice Now (formerly "World Development Movement") we seek to work in alliances with others sharing our goals, these have included climate, environment, debt, migration, food, water, Aid, ... and focus our efforts on bringing political system change through the responsibilities we have living in one of the states whose often hidden structures have so much international influence .

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

We have extensive experience in blogging, writing to the press (primarily M.E.N., but also online (e.g. The Meteor) and wider print media. We have extensive experience of running stalls and photo-ops.

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

We are looking to improve our use of social media, converting sympathetic interest and signing actions into active involvement.

Greater Manchester Housing Action

Contact Details

<http://www.gmhousingaction.com/>; greaterhousingaction@gmail.com; twitter and facebook @gmhousingaction

Purpose of Group

To support housing campaigns in the GM area with communications, networking, research and mobilisation

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

All things housing!

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

People who are up for writing blogs, graphic designers, anyone with a housing related project / campaign they're willing to lead on

Manchester Oxfam Campaigns Group

Contact Details

email manchesteroxam@googlemail.com; twitter @oxfam_gm; facebook "Oxfam Greater Manchester"

Purpose of Group

Oxfam is a global movement of millions of people working together to end poverty.

Manchester Oxfam Campaigns Group provides a local response to global issues.

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

Experience of event-based campaigning. Networking with local and national groups on areas of common interest. Access to research, expert opinions, campaigns materials from an internationally recognisable organisation.

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

New members, social media skills, further networking opportunities.

Steady State Manchester

Contact Details

Website <https://steadystatemanchester.net/>; email steadystatemanchester@gmail.com; twitter <https://twitter.com/SteadyStateMcr>

Purpose of Group

To explore and promote a post-growth economy and society through publications, events and working with other groups and campaigns. Our particular focus is the city region (or bioregion) of Great Manchester (and the upper Mersey catchment).

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

Policy analysis and demystification of official documents, report writing, campaigning.

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

Graphic Design and Animation

Rehabilitating Earth

Contact Details

<https://rehabilitatingearth.com/> ; Rehabilitatingearth.blog@gmail.com ; instagram @rehabilitating.earth; facebook “rehabilitating earth”

Purpose of Group

1. We aim to engage more people in the climate change debate and to educate people about the large umbrella of issues which fall under climate change.
2. To do this, we aim to provide a diversity in content (poems, zines, short films, illustrations and school talks – not just articles) and a diversity in perspective (not just white middle-class men) to engage as more people in discussions surrounding climate change.

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

- Journalistic skills – article writing, interviewing, investigation.
- Climate4Kids – educational school talks and workshops for children (4-18 years old).
- Being interviewed, history and science of climate change.

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

Graphic Design, Writers, Editors, Social Media Manager.

Think tanks

COMPASS (Manchester Local Group)

Contact Details

Website <https://www.compassonline.org.uk/> (compass national); compassmcr@gmail.com;
twitter @compassmcr; facebook “compass manchester”

Purpose of Group

Compass aims to encourage a more equal, democratic and sustainable future – a good society. Compass is open to everyone who shares these values, whether a supporter of a political party or none.

Compass’s main focus at the moment is to try and build a ‘Progressive Majority’, with the aim not only to win an election but to lay the foundations to transform politics and build a good society.

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

Compass Manchester is currently a small network of like-minded individuals.

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

We would welcome anyone interested to further the values of Compass in our area.

Media

GND Podcast

Contact Details

Email mcr.gnd.podcast@gmail.com; twitter @mcrsnd_pod; facebook @mcrsndpod

Purpose of Group

The primary purpose of the podcast is twofold. 1. Invite on guests who we feel have something important to say on how best to tackle climate breakdown. 2. Amplify environmental campaigns/groups that are actively fighting for a cleaner, greener, Mcr.

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

Andrew, our producer, has given advice to a number of people who want to get into podcasting, around how to set a podcast up, what is the best equipment, as well as sound and editing advice.

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

Any ideas around how best to manage social media are always welcome.

Social and Community Enterprises

Carbon Coop

Contact Details

Website <https://carbon.coop/> , email info@carbon.coop , twitter <https://twitter.com/CarbonCoop> , facebook <https://www.facebook.com/carboncoop/>

Purpose of Group

Carbon Co-op is an energy services and advocacy co-operative that helps people and communities to make the radical reductions in home carbon emissions necessary to avoid runaway climate change.

Our overarching goal is that the domestic carbon emissions of Carbon Co-op members and the wider public in Greater Manchester and beyond, are radically reduced to an extent sufficient to avoid runaway climate change. Our further [organisational 'Ends'](#) provide insight into how we aim to achieve this.

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

Supporting groups with advice on community energy projects, contributing to funding bids.

We also have a [community forum](#) for members which serves as a peer-to-peer knowledge base.

Recordings of our 2020/21 webinar programme covering topics such as domestic retrofit to home energy systems can be [accessed on our website](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

Advice, support and resources on making our organisation and the climate movement in general more diverse and representative.

Climate Hive

Contact Details

<https://climatehivemcr.org.uk/>; info@climatehive.org.uk; <https://twitter.com/HiveClimate>;
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2842556829317437/>

Purpose of Group

Repurposing empty high Street spaces to connect , promote and explore projects, ideas and people re sustainability, waste reduction , repair , reuse , food growing and sharing economies . Based in the high st we attract people who haven't engaged with these ideas before . In a friendly welcoming space they explore and understand ideas around the cure shift and the CEE and are able to take projects and ideas back to their communities and seed further projects

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

We showcase others and manage the space that allows others to share and promote their projects and skills to other groups and individuals.

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

Anything and everything associated with the above

GM Freeze

Contact Details

www.gmfreeze.org; info@gmfreeze.org; twitter @GMfreeze; <https://facebook.com/gmfreezeUK>

Purpose of Group

To help create a responsible, fair and sustainable food system. We are specifically focused on concern about the use of genetic engineering in food and farming but place our work in a much broader context through our member organisations and broader networks.

Specifically at the moment we are very focused on working with others to counter the Westminster Government's deregulation agenda. This includes detailed work on policy and regulations but also a lot of engagement, education and support for organisations involved in agroecology, food and farming more broadly.

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

High level of specific subject expertise (genetic modification; gene/genome editing; other genetic technologies). Strong related subject expertise (food and farming policy, food and farming regulations, Westminster parliamentary processes and campaigning).

Extensive experience of using Government consultations, Parliamentary inquiries and similar processes to help achieve campaign aims.

Media interview skills and experience (but not current local or regional media contacts).

Connections with national environmental and food/farming organisations (GM Freeze is based in Manchester but works UK wide).

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

Wider connections, access to campaigning networks (organisations and individuals)

The Kindling Trust

Contact Details

<http://kindling.org.uk/>; mail@kindling.org.uk ; twitter and facebook @kindlingtrust

Purpose of Group

To create a fairer and more ecological food economy for everyone to enjoy and benefit from.

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

Lots of skills/knowledge around growing food, setting up social enterprises, the food system, veg box schemes, agroecology and wildlife-friendly farming

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

More about how to decolonise the farming world, how to influence the council to make change there, how to make videos of campaigns.

Manchester Intergenerational Cohousing

Contact Details

<https://www.wearemico.co.uk/>; email wearemico@gmail.com ; twitter @wearemico; facebook @wearemico

Purpose of Group

Our intentional community will strive to practice principles of social, environmental and economic justice. We aim to find a site in Manchester where we can build a sustainable community of mixed owner-occupier and rental affordable housing, built to passivhaus standards and including a common house for shared facilities and activities. We believe that cohousing can help foster mutual aid and social cooperation within and beyond the intentional community, contributing to local regeneration and wider sustainability goals as well as to the establishment of a cohesive community and neighbourhood.

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

Stitched Up Community Benefit Society

Contact Details

<https://stitchedup.coop/>; email hello@stitchedup.coop; twitter and facebook @stitchedupuk

Purpose of Group

Our aim is to inspire action on sustainable fashion. We share skills and resources that enable people to dress in a more creative and sustainable way, including sewing, clothes making, mending and upcycling workshops, clothes swaps, repair cafes and reclaimed fabric sales. We

engage our community in learning about the fashion industry's impacts and joining campaigns calling for a better fashion future.

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

Fabrics for banner making for climate campaigners, banner making space and a projector, venue for talks to a small audience (currently max 20),

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

Space for workshops / events across GM, transport and storage as we look to scale up our textile reuse work, knowledge sharing and collaborating with other groups.

Education

Manchester Museum

Contact Details

<https://www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/>; email museum@manchester.ac.uk; twitter @MCRmuseum; facebook @manchestermuseum

Purpose of Group

Manchester Museum, part of the University of Manchester, is one of the UK's leading university museums. We are driven by our mission: to build understanding between cultures and a sustainable world, and our work is underpinned by our core values of inclusion, imagination and care. Through our collection of over 4 million objects, numerous specialist staff and award-winning galleries, we are a critical part of the research and environmental education infrastructure in the city and beyond.

We are urgently transforming how we support ecological thinking and action, build more sustainable futures and inspire cooperation and change in our city. We believe that the ecological and climate crises are relevant to both aspects of our mission: they are as much cultural and social justice issues as they are scientific and environmental and both call for collective action and cooperation both globally and locally. We believe a better future requires us to rethink how we care and are convinced that our future is collaborative: actively supporting connections between individuals and groups, long term relationships, inclusion, and will be the hallmarks of our ethos of care.

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE Comms – Social media, blogging, press releases... Community engagement, co-production, partnerships DATA– databases, cataloguing, gathering and analysis LEARNING– formal / informal learning and engagement, all ages, collections-based, research-based, creative, transdisciplinary FUNDRAISING– bid-writing, planning PROJECT MANAGEMENT – planning to delivery and evaluation Report writing STORYTELLING (and use of collections), inc digital RESEARCH– collections-based – science - humanities, theory, practice, Indigenous and global south perspectives Volunteers – recruiting, supporting, maintaining

RESOURCES Spaces – Museum public galleries and other spaces Specialist staff – curatorial, education and engagement, communications and marketing Collections – biodiversity and natural sciences,

vivarium, botany, geology, global Status – as partners, allies, supporters Connections – within University and beyond, local, national and international

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

Contacts, collaborators and allies whose values are aligned - shared interests / different perspectives / critical friends Knowledge on rewilding - all and any scale Developing superpower abilities in our existing skills (We're most interested on how the museum can be useful and contribute to building a more sustainable world)

Greater Manchester Law Centre

Contact Details

Website <http://gmlaw.org.uk/>; email development@gmlaw.org.uk; twitter @GMLawcentre; facebook <https://www.facebook.com/gmlawcentre>

Purpose of Group

GMLC is a law centre providing free legal advice and representation for Greater Manchester residents in the areas of housing, employment, benefits and public law and policy (including some aspects of asylum).

We are also a campaigning organisation fighting for the expansion of legal aid, a fairer social security system, better housing and tenants' rights, and fair treatment in employment.

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

- Legal knowledge in our specialist fields
- Information and legal advice in our legal specialist fields
- Campaign resources and speakers

E.g. Our [COVID survival guide](#); our [Police Crackdown Bill explainer](#)

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

N/A

Manchester Environmental Education Network

Contact Details

Website <http://www.meen.org.uk/>; email coordinator@meen.org.uk; twitter @meenorguk; facebook <https://facebook.com/meen.org.uk>

Purpose of Group

MEEN runs environmental education projects with schools and provides networking opportunities and support for teachers and organisations who are educating for sustainability.

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

Our website hosts local contacts, curriculum resources, funding opportunities and lots of case studies. MEEN runs environmental training with school communities.

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

Learning more about virtual networking.

Manchester National Education Union (NEU)

Contact Details:

Website <https://neu.org.uk/>; email john.morgan@neu.org.uk; twitter @NEU_manchester; facebook <http://facebook.com/manchester.neu.3>

Purpose of Group

Education Trade Union

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

Social Media Platforms

Although the NEU are a campaigning union, their rules are quite specific on what they can cover, and are essentially set up to serve our members. Non-members wouldn't be able to necessarily do any work with them, as they aren't a general campaigning organisation.

Political Parties and affiliates

Greater Manchester Labour for a Green New Deal

Contact Details

(national) website: <https://www.labourgnd.uk/>; email mcr.lgnd.national@gmail.com for general enquiries, GM.LGND.CllrSupport@protonmail.com for Cllrs that want advice/support on anything to do with ecological issues; twitter @mcrLABgnd; facebook @GNDmanchester

Purpose of Group

To promote ideas and policies related to a Green New Deal. To support and promote progressive Labour Cllrs. To highlight, amplify, and stand with ecological campaigns within GM. And to build bridges with activists and Cllrs from any political party with a shared ecological vision.

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

Within our membership we have academics, activists, journalists, podcasters, and people that work in retrofit, so cover a wide range of areas. We are open to help anyone with a genuine interest in most aspects of media, ecology, and progressive politics.

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

The thing that we are always on the look out for are committed Labour members who are climate-conscious and have a small amount of time each week to either help and support what we do or, alternatively, to start something that we can help and support them to do. We are also keen to speak with any academics or people who work in ecological fields, who would like to become a part of our expertise network, and help support progressive GM Labour Cllrs.

NB: GMLGND are not under the control of any Manchester CLPs.

Making Votes Matter Manchester

Contact Details

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@MVM_manchester; <https://www.facebook.com/MVM.Manchester>

Purpose of Group

Aim One – To campaign for changing the voting system to have proportional representation in the House of Commons, so that all votes matter. So far we've done this by coordinating actions in Manchester such as sending letters/cards to MPs, arranging meetings with MPs, etc.

Aim Two- To raise awareness and to promote the idea of proportional representation and its benefits (democratic, social, environmental) to the Manchester public, including explaining different types of voting systems. e.g. through information stalls, online "explainer" presentations, letters to newspapers, etc.

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

Running a street stall

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

Social media management/content creation

Geographically located campaigns

Have a map to illustrate this

Aytoun Barks Back

Contact Details

Website aytountrees@gmail.com; twitter @ayntounbarksback;

<https://www.facebook.com/MVM.Manchester>;

Purpose of Group

We want the Council to agree to the proposal by local residents to place a Tree Preservation Order on the 31 large London plane trees between Aytoun, Minshull, Major and Bloom Streets in Manchester city centre. Over 100 people asked the Council to do this in December 2020 - they have still not replied, so we are increasing the pressure with a public petition and by building good links with similar campaigns. We want to make sure no developers can decide to chop down this 'horseshoe' of magnificent trees as part of any building on the site (currently empty space used for car parking). The Greater Manchester

Ecology Unit has said: 'Tree cover, and particularly cover from mature broadleaved trees, is very scarce in the city centre and therefore the trees are an important local resource for wildlife'. The trees also play an important part in keeping the city's air cleaner. This makes their presence highly relevant to the Council's aim of making Manchester a zero-carbon city.

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

Information research - gathering good quality evidence Pre-disposition towards partnership working!

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

Understanding local council processes

An eye for good publicity wins

Northern Quarter Forum

Contact Details

Email mail4northernquarterforum@gmail.com; Twitter @NQforum; facebook "Northern Quarter Forum"

Purpose of Group

Non-political group for NQ residents. "People live here. We are residents dedicated to making the Northern Quarter a clean, green and better place to live for the benefit of all."

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

Save Hough End Fields

Contact Details

Website <https://savehoughendfields.net>; email savehoughend@gmail.com;
<https://twitter.com/SaveHoughEnd> ; <https://www.facebook.com/savehoughendfields/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/288769486038693/>

Purpose of Group

To reject the sports development proposed by Manchester City Council and Greenwich Leisure Ltd.

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

Events organisation/Art/A certain understanding of planning law and how to oppose it/wildlife surveying/

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

Video making skills/press contacts/how to sort a major glitch on Facebook that is hindering us/legal skills especially on covenant law

Save Carrington Moss

Contact Details

Website <http://www.friendsofcarringtonmoss.com/>; email friendsofcarringtonmoss@gmail.com; twitter @friendsmoss; Facebook "Friends of Carrington Moss"

Purpose of Group

The Friends of Carrington Moss acts as a voice for local residents and users of Carrington Moss on all matters relating to, and/or impacting, Carrington Moss. We aim to seek agreement to restore as much of the peatland habitat as possible, support the recovery of endangered bird, plants and wildlife species and ensure local residents can continue to use this wonderful green space for health and wellbeing activities, increasing knowledge and skills and bringing the community closer to nature.

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

We have a range of expertise available, either on our Committee, in our membership or in partner organisations. We will help other groups wherever we can. Our Chair is Vice Chair of the Save Greater Manchester's Green Belts group and a founder member of the national group, the Community Planning Alliance.

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

Access legal and planning expertise so we can continue our campaign against the excessive development on our mossland (5,000 homes, 380,000 m2 industrial and warehousing space and 4 major roads are planned to be built on or across the moss)!

Save Ryebank Fields

Contact Details

<http://www.saveryebankfields.org/>; <http://www.saveryebankfields.org/>; twitter @ryebankfields; facebook "friends of ryebank fields"

Purpose of Group

We are actively campaigning to Save Ryebank Fields from development by Manchester Metropolitan University who were gifted this land for sports purposes only by Manchester City Council.

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

Strategy, brainstorming, photography, environmental knowledge, contacts.

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

Trees not Cars

Contact Details

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Purpose of Group

Set up to appeal Manchester City Council's planning decision to use the former Central Retail Park as a temporary charging 24/7 440-space car park for five years. Obtaining

permission is very difficult and rare and meant the judge believed there were reasonable grounds to challenge the Council's decision to build a car park. The Council announced these plans after declaring a Climate Emergency. We must hold them to account and ensure they deliver on their promise. We hoped our petition with over 12,000 signatures, as well as the protests we held and meetings we attended, would persuade the Council to ditch their car park plans and work with us to develop more environmentally friendly alternatives. We even had a meeting with Sir Richard Leese, Leader of the Council, but we left the meeting feeling he hadn't really listened to us and is more concerned with raising revenue than with children's health.

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share
fundraising/social media

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

Wythenshawe Waste Warriors

Contact Details

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twitter <https://twitter.com/WarriorsWaste>; <https://t.co/fQtvXjIX7u?amp=1>

Purpose of Group

We at Wythenshawe Waste Warriors are a group established to support volunteers across our five wards in South Manchester to tackle waste in all its forms including litter and carbon. We have partners in all sectors and signpost residents to lead volunteers in local areas, wooded areas, parks and more. We have a working app that helps with advice and a website that shows good practice and our work. We have a Charter that encourages business and community group involvement and are proud of where we live.

We have

many wonderful partners who are very giving with their time and skill set, experience and volunteer hours. From litter picking safely to planting we can help all like minded people and groups make a difference free of charge. We welcome all to join us in the fight against waste and encourage partners to join us from all sectors. By all means search for the contact form on our website and drop us a line

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

Manchester Urban Diggers (MUD)

Inc. Platt Fields market garden

Contact Details: website <https://wearemud.org>; email hello@wearemud.org;
<https://www.facebook.com/mud.cic>; instagram @mud_cic

Purpose of Group Manchester Urban Diggers is a social enterprise that creates places where people can grow food. We were constituted as a Community Interest Company (CIC) in

May 2019 and are therefore a not-for-profit organisation with an emphasis on benefiting the local community. We want to fix our broken food system by creating a real alternative that benefits our society as well as the natural environment. We use gardening and food to improve mental and physical well-being and bring communities together through a common love of food and nature.

We work across Greater Manchester delivering food growing workshops, hosting family events, creating new urban green spaces and renovating community gardens so they can be used to their full potential. Our goal is to grow a network of small self-sufficient food producing gardens with permanent members of staff. All of our profits will go back into the business, allowing the gardens to grow and flourish. We reach out to diverse groups including Young Adults, school children and people using mental health services, educating and improving wellbeing through agriculture-based learning and interaction with nature. We do all of this while promoting sustainable and organic growing methods, minimising waste and increasing biodiversity by improving soil health and creating habitats for wildlife. For MUD, it's about growing the community as much as it is about growing food.

Particular skills/knowledge relationships group has that it would be willing to share:

Primarily food growing! but also DIY & woodworking, Tree maintenance & harvesting / coppicing, pottery, willow weaving, hedges, cooking / pickling / preserving, brewing / wine making, etc.

Particular skills/knowledge etc that the group wants:

Any other type of natural crafts are always exciting to join as well as different types of cooking. We are all learning together!

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Campaigning, materials/resources (from v recognisable org) - Manchester Oxfam, Greater Manchester Law Centre

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Workshops, education & child-focused - Rehabilitating earth

Skills/Knowledge/Resources groups want:

Advice, diversifying organisations/climate movement - Carbon Coop
Advice, decolonising farming world - Kindling Trust
Article Writers - Rehabilitating Earth
Animation - CEM, Steady State Manchester
Blog writers - Greater Manchester Housing Action
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Manchester, GND Podcast

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