

OUT IN THE CITY

Annual Report 2026

Introduction

Out In The City is a social and support group for members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender communities who are over 50 years of age.

Out In The City is part of the Ageing Well service provided by *Age UK Manchester*, but we are a self-organised group. We provide a safe meeting space in an accessible building in the centre of Manchester every week from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. We have tea or coffee, a chat and provide the opportunity to meet up with others.



Our Impact

During 2025 we held **56 face-to-face meetings** with an average attendance of 21 people. This includes 8 women's meetings with an average attendance of 9 women.

We also had **102 trips out** with an average attendance of 16 people. These included concerts at Bridgewater Hall. Highlights included the David Hockney Immersive Exhibition, the show "Detention" at The Lowry and the Christmas meal at the 1853 Restaurant.

Out In The City was awarded a Certificate for successfully completing the Henshaws "Visual Impairment Awareness Training" course.



Media

- Bruce, Norman and Tony recorded interviews for the podcast "*Full Volume*" at Manchester Central Library.
- Tony was interviewed by the *Manchester Evening News* for LGBT+ History Month.
- Article printed in *Talking About My Generation* about 50 years of the Manchester Gay Switchboard.
- As part of George House Trust's 40th anniversary celebrations Tony spoke at Queer Lit about HIV activism and Lizzie spoke at SISTER about a conference on lesbians and HIV that she helped to organise in 1991.
- Norman was interviewed by radio station Wythenshawe fm.
- Norman spoke at Ladybarn Community Hub LGBTQ+ Coffee Morning.
- Norman and Tony are on the front cover of Age UK Oxfordshire's "Little Handbook of our Services".
- Norman and Tony recorded a live show with the ALLfm Queeries on ALLfm 96.9.
- New NHS Video launched (Improving access to screening in GM through the Health Innovation Accelerator) featuring members of Out In The City - David, James, Mindy, Peter and Philip.
- The University of Maryland, Baltimore requested permission to add two of our website articles to their website for World AIDS Day.
- A showcase of short films at Cinema 1, HOME included "*Queer Little City*" - a film made by Matthew Walker about Section 28 featuring interviews with Sandra, Stephen and Tony.
- Out In the City was included in an article for *I Love Manchester* written by Carl Austin-Behan, Manchester's first openly gay Lord Mayor and Greater Manchester LGBTQ+ Community Ambassador.

- Norman recorded a podcast for Heart fm - "*This Was Always Me*".
- The LGBT Foundation held their annual Volunteer Awards. James, Jennifer, Lynn, Mindy, Pauline and Tony all won awards or special commendations. Kate and Norman were also nominated for awards.
- Cheetham and Crumpsall Community Newspaper and *Talking About My Generation* published articles about our 20th anniversary.
- Tony recorded an interview to be used in a podcast "*From Prejudice to Pride*".
- We started a monthly radio show - *Out On The Radio* - on 96.9fm on the first Tuesday of the month live from 2.00pm to 3.00pm.

We have also undertaken interviews with researchers and students.



Website

Our website now has **443 followers** (up from 414 last year) who receive regular emails each week. The website has had **147,253 views** (up from 87,992 views last year). There have been **15,873 individual visitors** (up from 11,816 last year) from **102 different countries!**

A crowd of viewers has engaged with our content - a testament to its appeal and reach. We also have a private Facebook page with **163 members** (up from 145 last year).

Of course our work is about far more than numbers. You can't easily put a number on laughter, independence, kindness or support.



Thanks

Thanks to our funders who have enabled our group to develop and have reduced our isolation and improved our social well-being:

National Lottery Awards For All, LGBT+ Futures: Equity Fund, Forever Manchester, Auto Trader and The Manchester Guardian Society.











For the Year Ended 2025

	£
Income	
Grants	20424.00
Rainbow Lottery	2485.50
Other (including donations)	1650.45
	24559.95
Expenditure	
Refreshments	2348.16
Travel	2179.50
Activity	5668.21
Website	19.20
Room hire	3325.00
Other	250.00
	13790.07
Surplus of Income/Expenditure	10769.88
Opening Balance as at 1/1/25	10087.47
Closing Balance as at 31/12/25	20857.35

Refreshments includes Christmas meal for 74 people.

Travel includes 3 coach trips to Skipton, York Railway Museum and the Maurice Dobson Museum and the "Rainbow Train takeover".

Activity includes entrance fees to David Hockney Exhibition, Elizabeth Gaskell House, Computer Museum, Salford River Cruise, Police Museum, Golden Age Big Band, Bee Corner and many more.