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Irrespective of the inevitable disappointment we're all about to feel when we exit the World Cup in Brazil on penalties to Germany in the quarter finals, I'm looking forward to that unique sporting occasion... the spontaneous hug. It only happens when you can't contain your joy (or grief) any longer, it's usually accompanied by some childlike jumping and hoarse screaming and it's one of the most celebratory expressions of community I can think of.

Community happens when passions collide, when people share moments and memories with friends, family and people who like the same things. Communities aren't defined by postcodes or political boundaries, they're what you want them to be. The lads at the match, the girls down the pub, the family gathered around the TV, school, a band, a choir, a dog walking club – that's a community. They're places to chatter, share ideas, hatch plans and embrace the good stuff.

And of course there's work; the place where on average we spend 15% of our time each year. Work is one of the most obvious communities we belong to, and although it's often defined as a place we go for employment in return for wages, it's also the place where we meet and make new friends, where we are most frequently stimulated and most creative.

We recognise what skills we've got and how to use them. I'm sure that if we harnessed these good bits from the work environment and applied them to the other communities we belong to (and vice versa)... sparks would fly.

Humans are simple beings. We like to laugh and love. The communities we create and exist in are for playing in, for being creative in and should inspire us. They are places from which we can transform the world.

Forever Manchester's job is to help inspire you to use your knowledge, skills and natural enthusiasm in whatever community nurtures you. So get out there and prepare for some spontaneous hugging. Who knows where it might lead you!

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OUR TELLY'S BIGGER THAN YOUR TELLY

The moment we're all waiting for... FIFA World Cup 2014 starts on 12th June in Brazil and to celebrate The Printworks in Manchester has produced its very own World Cup anthem, with proceeds coming to Forever Manchester.

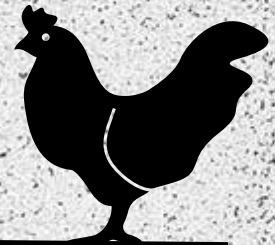
'Our Telly's Bigger Than Your Telly' was produced and performed by Aniff Akinola aka Box Bottom. He commented, "Manchester is home to two of the biggest clubs in the world, I live and breathe Manchester and I wanted to do a song that reflected Manchester's love of football."

Fred Booth, Centre Director, at The Printworks added, "The song is a great way for the community to get behind something fun and exciting and to show pride for our city. We really hope the track raises a lot for Forever Manchester and who knows maybe it'll hit the Top Ten in the charts."



DOWNLOAD THE TRACK HERE:
www.forevermanchester.com/ourtelly
Let's get it into the Top Ten!
Spread the word #ourtelly

AMBASSADOR: FRED BOOTH



Fred Booth is the main man at The Printworks, Manchester's busiest entertainment centre, having been at the helm since before it opened in 2000.



Isn't he clucking beautiful?

A true man of Manchester, he's always leading the field with his new ideas that big up Forever Manchester in the press and across the city. This month sees the launch of The Printworks World Cup anthem, Our Telly, proceeds of which will come to us. We even have our own chicken named 'For-egga' housed on The Printworks rooftop waiting to take centre stage. We love Fred for his passion for MCFC, The Sopranos and Manchester. We can't wait to see what he comes up with next!

A MODEL FOR CITIZEN LED GROWTH



Detroit was once known as the fourth largest city in America and Motor City USA. It was the birthplace of Aretha Franklin, Diana Ross, Alice Cooper and Francis Ford Coppola. Today however Detroit is probably best known for industrial decline and shocking levels of urban decay.

A city driven to bankruptcy through high levels of crime, poor race relations, gross mismanagement, population decline and home foreclosures and its citizens abandoned by their government and corporations alike.

But behind this sad story lies some real cause for optimism and lessons for us all to learn here in Greater Manchester. It teaches us that when people realise that no one is coming to help the possibility of community arises. As people stop looking outside themselves and turn to one another, they discover the richness of resources to be found within themselves, their cultures and their land.

Detroit is a city where its passionate citizens have recognised that they can be the people referenced in, Martin Luther King's phrase "people who make a way out of no way." They have pooled their knowledge, skills, talent and resources to come up with experimental and successful projects that are re-energising and reframing this once proud city.

Projects to activate long vacant shop fronts, turning waste ground into small farms, gardens and allotments, creating peace zones to help put the 'neighbour' back into 'the hood' and training young people to give voice to their experiences through music, theatre and visual arts.

As one resident of Detroit says "it's the passion that people have for this city that makes it great. People say we're gritty, determined, stubborn, boisterous, assertive and defensive and we're fine with all those adjectives. We solve problems ourselves" (sic).

Sound familiar?

Forever Manchester's Neighbourhood Works is designed precisely to help and encourage local people to transform local neighbourhoods themselves.

To find out more about our approach visit www.theneighbourhoodworks.co.uk



DETROIT

THIS MONTH'S HEROES

T.K.O OF A NIGHT



Huge thanks to ambassador Tracey Donnelly and her team for delivering a knock out fundraiser which raised well over £1,000, for us at the Formal Fight Club event in April.

The room was packed with Manchester's finest including local celebrities (we even got an intro to Mani from the Stone Roses!). Not only did Tracey and the team take collections for us on the night, they also auctioned off some prizes too. Thanks and huge congratulations on a great night.



MISS MANCHESTER

The great and the glamorous were out in their droves for the final of Miss Manchester 2014 at the Palace Hotel in April, where the title (and crown) was won by the gorgeous Codie Hayward.

The 19 year old, from Crumpsall currently works at a bakery and wowed celebrity judges Calum Best, Kym Marsh and Chelsee Healey to earn the title of Miss Manchester. We'd like to thank, Angela De Fouw, for choosing us as one of their charities for the night. We loved every minute of it. We can't wait for Codie to take on the FM Abseil challenge later this year (see page 5).

10K RAISES £10K

A massive thanks to the 130 runners, who jogged, walked, sprinted and crawled the streets of Manchester in sweltering temperatures for us on 18th May taking part in the Bupa Great Manchester Run.

We appreciate every muscle that ached in your bodies. Over £10,000 was raised to support exciting community projects and activities that improve this great place where we live. Huge thanks. Why not get a chum to run with you next year so we can beat this year's amount? #getachumtorun



EARLY BIRD CATCHES THE WORM

Half price places available for The Great Manchester Run 2015.

Sign up here:

www.forevermanchester.com/manchester10k

Golf Challenge

Shout out to our ambassador, Alan Townley, for hosting our annual golf day at High Legh Park on 15th May, which raised a whopping £2,500! We saw 6 companies battle it out on the greens, with Vendavalet taking home their Forever Manchester trophies. Big thanks!

FREEFALL 11,000FT AT 120MPH

Now is your chance to have the best experience of your life and take on a sponsored skydive.

Black Knights Parachute Centre will take care of all your needs on the day. Insurance and equipment will be provided by Black Knights.

When: Saturday 5th July 2014 (full day)

Where: Black Knights Parachute Centre, Cockerham, Lancashire LA2 ODY.

Price: £50 entry fee
PLUS minimum sponsorship of £250



BOOK HERE

www.forevermanchester.com/skydive



LAUNCH YOURSELF OFF THE PRINTWORKS

We're looking for 60 daredevils to throw themselves off the top of the Printworks and raise money for Forever Manchester in the process.

Our annual Forever Manchester Abseil will be held on 6th September 2014 and we're looking to raise over £6,000 to help us support our wonderful communities across the region.

It's just £20 to take part with a minimum sponsorship of £100.

So, if you are an adrenaline junky, fancy a team challenge, or simply want to see the beautiful sights of Manchester from up high, then sign up for the challenge TODAY.

Abseil Distance: 100 metres down the side of the Printworks

When: Saturday 6th September 2014

Where: The Printworks, 27 Withy Grove, Manchester M4 2BS

Time: 10:30am-12:30pm or 1:30pm-3:30pm

Entry fee: £20 entry fee plus minimum sponsorship of £100

Please note: Participants must be over 15 years old and have permission from a parent/guardian if under 18.



HOW TO BOOK

www.forevermanchester.com/abseil

WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SOME OF OUR RECENT CASH4GRAFT £250 AWARDS IN TRAFFORD AND OLDHAM

You're Gorgeous

Gorgeous Gorse Hill used their Cash4Graft award to plant bulbs all over Gorse Hill in time for Spring. As a result, the group has secured additional funding from other sources for further arts and planting projects to make Gorse Hill gorgeous.

Fayre's Fair

Local residents have formed Friends of Alt and are busy planning their first Alt Summer Fayre! Thanks to a Cash4Graft award, 24 stalls manned by residents are currently planned, selling local produce with lots of fun activities in the pipeline!

Let's Dance

A mum from Derker has set up her own family fitness group at her local school. The Cash4Graft money purchased a Wii Fit and local families are invited to join her in keeping fit dancing whilst having fun!

Who ya gonna call...

Tired of unwanted dog dirt in their neighbourhood, residents from Gorse Hill came together to form 'The Poo Busters'. The group use biodegradable paint and chalk to highlight the problem. They have since appeared on TV!

Which Craft?

Stretford Crafty Club brings people together to teach and learn crafts. A number of residents run different sessions weekly and their Facebook group has over 300 members.

GROUPS WE'VE FUNDED

We've supported many projects last month. Here's a snapshot of some of them. Have we supported a project near you?

- > 105th Manchester Scout Group
- > 1st Denton St Lawrence Scout Group
- > Abehebo
- > Broadwalk Library Over 50's Art Group
- > CHALK (Community Health and Lifestyle Advice)
- > Cheeky Cherubs Soft Play and Learning Centre
- > Chelwood Foodbank Plus
- > De La Salle Netball Club
- > Denton West End Library Community Group
- > Easter Funday
- > Eastlands Velo
- > Fathers Against Violence CIC
- > Feel Good Communities CIC
- > Flushing C of E Primary School
- > Girlguiding GMW Ashley Activity Centre
- > Gorton Visual Arts
- > Great Lever Voice
- > Heywood Old People's Welfare
- > Hindley All Saints CE Primary School
- > IceBreakers
- > Inspired Stockport CiC Ltd
- > JIGSAW (Bolton Stroke Group)
- > Ladybridge High School
- > Little Harrowden Community Primary School
- > Mission Possible - Yarn Bombing
- > Musicians without borders
- > North City Youth Zone
- > Oasis for Carers
- > Parkinsons U.K. Bolton Branch
- > Ramsbottom Young Peoples Project
- > Respect For All

MEET THE STAFF

GOGGLEBOX GILMORE

Phil Gilmore is the Finance Manager at Forever Manchester. Bolton born, he started life in a Jaffa Cake factory but left after an argument over whether it was a cake or a biscuit. After turning down a job managing the pick n mix at Woolies, Phil went into accountancy and has continued to be a number cruncher ever since.

Lothario Phil has an eye for the ladies, and has a history of walking into lampposts and writing cars off when he sees a pretty girl. Gogglebox Gilmore loves a bit of telly, and spends most evenings in front of the box, sparing his weekends for wild times with his mates.

Phil loves a bit of travelling and has recently visited both Australia and Japan, and cites Manchester United as his biggest passion.



WANT TO VOLUNTEER

WITH FOREVER MANCHESTER?

Volunteering is good for your CV, social life and your heart, so get stuck in!

Volunteer of the Month Trina Patel, from Bolton, has been volunteering with us since March this year. Her first gig was helping at The Mirror Ball.

"It was amazing to see the finished ballroom and to see how much hard work and effort had been put into creating such an amazing event. It was also great to see the generosity of all the guests. The evening was a fun filled night and everyone had one goal in mind - raising as much money as possible for Forever Manchester."

"I would definitely recommend volunteering for Forever Manchester. Not only do you have a great time at all of the events, but you also get to meet lots of interesting, inspiring people whilst playing your part in helping raise lots of money for the charity."



HOLLA IF YOU WANNA VOLLA

We have loads of events support volunteer roles available over summer. If you want to get involved drop Craig a line - craig@forevermanchester.com

UPCOMING events

Looking for ways to engage with Forever Manchester? Our calendar is jam-packed with great stuff for you to get involved with.

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS: WWW.FOREVERMANCHESTER.COM/EVENTS

JUNE	DATE	VENUE
First Friday Meet like-minded people at our monthly networking event. It's free. www.forevermanchester.com/firstfriday	Friday 6th 4 - 6pm	The Bay Horse Northern Quarter
Mohawk Radio - EP Launch Party Mohawk Radio invites you to their launch party for their new album. Proceeds come to Forever Manchester. www.mohawkradio.co.uk/gigs	Saturday 7th 6pm - late	Etherow Country Park Stockport
JCI Netball Tournament Join local businesses in this tournament to raise cash for Forever Manchester. www.forevermanchester.com/netball	Saturday 14th 12 - 4pm	Wright Robinson Gorton
Breakfast with Daddy Celebrate Father's Day at Hard Rock Cafe MCR with Captain Manchester. Reserve your place by calling 0161 831 6700	Sunday 15th 9 - 11am	Hard Rock Cafe Printworks, Manchester
JULY		
FM Summer Social Last year's Summer Social was an absolute scorcher with over 200 guests, blazing sunshine and a BBQ. Watch this space.	Friday 18th Time TBC	Venue TBC
Forever Manchester Skydive Calling all adrenaline junkies! Sign up before end of June. www.forevermanchester.com/skydive	Saturday 5th All day	Black Knights Parachute Centre Cockerham, Lancashire
The Color Run Run for Forever Manchester in the craziest, colourful, 5k of your life. www.thecolorrun.co.uk/manchester	Saturday 5th 11am start	The Etihad Campus Manchester
An Introduction to ABCD A fun introduction to the principles of Asset Based Community Development (ABCD). £90pp inc. lunch. www.theneighbourhoodworks.com/training	Wednesday 16th 10am - 4pm	Renaissance Hotel Deansgate, Manchester
Great Manchester Swim Swim a mile in Salford Quays and raise money for Forever Manchester. www.greatswim.org/events	Saturday 19th Times vary	Salford Quays
Blackthorn Festival Reverend & the Makers headline this cracking local festival. For tickets go to: www.blackthornmusicfestival.co.uk	Friday 25th - Sunday 27th	Whitebottom Farm Stockport
AUGUST		
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SEPTEMBER		
Forever Manchester Abseil Abseil down one of Manchester's iconic buildings. www.forevermanchester.com/abseil	Saturday 6th Times vary	The Printworks Manchester
Salford 5K/10K Run for round 'ere and raise money for Forever Manchester in Salford. To sign up go to www.sportstoursinternational.co.uk	Sunday 7th Times vary	Salford Manchester
Tough Mudder Testing strength, stamina, mental grit and camaraderie. Not for the fainthearted. www.toughmudder.co.uk	Saturday 13th - Sunday 14th Times vary	Cholmondeley Estate Cheshire
80's Fancy Dress Will you be Madonna or Wham in our 80's themed night? www.forevermanchester.com/80sfancydress	Saturday 20th 7pm - late	Dukes 92 Manchester

Don't forget to listen to the Forever Manchester Radio Show every Wednesday 2-4pm on Fab International, LDOK Radio and Manchester Radio Online.