The Manchester's Rising Stars Fund

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We Love MCR Charity

Lord Mayor of Manchester's Charity Appeal Trust operating as We Love MCR Charity since 2011

We are the beating heart of Manchester – Manchester’ own charity. Every penny stays in Manchester to benefit its residents

We bring heart, hope and opportunity to the people of Manchester, when they need it most.

Meet the Team!

We support Ambition!

Stronger Communities Fund – We support ambitious community groups to support their local communities

Manchester's Rising Stars Fund – We support ambitious, driven young people onto their next step to succuss

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We know, in our thriving city, many people are unable to enjoy the benefits of rapid growth.

4 in 10 of Manchester’s children grow up in poverty. Many of our young people face disadvantages as they try to succeed.

The Manchester’s Rising Stars Fund (created with the generosity of the Sir Howard Bernstein Endowment Fund) supports ambitious young Mancunians who might need a helping hand to support them on their journey of Education, Employment (including self-employment) or entrepreneurship.

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Care Leavers – multiple disadvantage

Just 13% of care leavers enter higher education by their 19th birthday, compared with 45% of the wider population.

And last year, 41% of care leavers aged 19-21 were not in education, employment or training, in England, compared with 12% of all young people.

The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) surveyed 500 care-experienced students and analysed hundreds of thousands of university applications.
It found care-experienced applicants were

- 38% more likely to come from the poorest areas of the UK
- twice as likely to be black or of mixed heritage
- twice as likely to be disabled
- three times as likely to share a mental health condition
- 79% more likely to identify as LGBT+

Source: BBC website

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We welcome applications from ambitious, driven young people aged 15 - 22 (or up to 25 if they have experienced homelessness) who have a clear plan for themselves, and where any award from the fund will make a sustainable difference rather than a fleeting benefit

We welcome requests for grants to purchase vital equipment, resources, courses, and to support other costs relating to moving into employment, training or entrepreneurship. In 21/22 we have committed £150,000 to support Mancunian young people and have supported over 25 care leavers!

Resident of City of Manchester (this does not apply for LAC young people placed out of borough)

Demonstrate they cannot afford the items themselves

Awards of up to £5000!

We also welcome repeat applications to support young people on their journey

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Manchester's Rising Stars Fund - Impact

My young person has been able to transition with less anxiety, into the next stage of his development. Rising stars fund has provided my young person the equipment enabling them to reach his target of passing university. Thank you for supporting them to find that feeling of confidence along their journey with each click of a mouse or press of keyboard – Caine's Personal Advisor

B's see's the benefit of the money he has earned and it fills him with immense pride and confidence in himself and business. He has been served very well by the fund having previously received a laptop and printer products. By relieving the financial pressures of advertising has given him the self-belief to achieve highly with the business.
I think it is an incredible service and really does give our young people an opportunity to achieve their goals. Alot of our young people simply don't have the funds or start-up costs of business or essential items and to be supported by We Love MCR gives them a real springboard to success and makes their goals reality- B's Personal Advisor

The award has helped Margaret because studying is difficult financially, particularly as this is her MA and she's been in university for 3 years prior to this. It has been a stress and a worry about how she will fund herself. The bus pass has helped so she can focus on getting her professional qualification which will lead her to better jobs in the future and open doors.

I have witnessed Margaret flourishing in her studies, the course is enabling her to grown in confidence and self-belief and will continue to do so. The award is part of what has meant Margaret can study and has one less thing to worry about – Margaret's Personal Advisor

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- Please support your young people to make and application to the Fund (if they fit the criteria!)
- Share the opportunity with Manchester colleagues
- Share and amplify our stories about young people to inspire other young people to apply or dontate
- Consider supporting our work through fundraising – Valentines dip!

Check us out!

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