Step Up for Ancoats Beswick Clayton Openshaw

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Step Up is a new Place Based Giving scheme for Manchester initially focussing on the Ancoats and Beswick and Clayton and Openshaw council wards; a community of some 11,596 households and 31,444 people.

Step Up will build a new community movement which encourages all those who care about their neighbourhood to give their time, talents and money to support the health and wellbeing of the community.

Step Up will mentor and support new ideas from local people which could build into exciting community led projects which promote at least one of the ‘five ways to wellbeing’ principles across the community, namely:

- **Connect** Activity which helps people build connections in the local community.
- **Be active** Projects which get people active at a local level.
- **Take notice** Activity which is rooted in the community and the here and now.
- **Keep learning** Projects which support learning & help people to try something new.
- **Give** Projects which support people to give their time and energy to establish something new for the wider community.

Maybe you have a great idea for your community. Need some inspiration? Have a look at some of the initial projects we are looking to support.
John Scott wants to develop his Keep Youth Work Alive project aimed at older teenagers and young adults in the Beswick area of Manchester, where he was born and grew up.

John is passionate about giving young people opportunities to get active, learn new skills, and develop ambitions for themselves. With the closure of traditional youth facilities in the area over the years and the costs involved in joining some of the local sports facilities being really high, he sees a need to offer positive activity at a grass roots level.

John says ‘too many young people in Beswick are getting involved in crime related anti-social behaviour because there is nothing for them to do. I’ve been there and I want to help young people take a different path from me. I want to connect with these young people and offer them the chance to do something positive with their time.’

Step Up for John

John is looking for financial support to equip a new facility for him to test out his project idea. He also needs some volunteers to sit on his committee – people with finance, and youth work experience especially.

Get in touch if you can help!

Step Up Cash Target £10,000
Max’s Cycle Trax

Max’s Cycle Trax is to be built as a lasting memorial for Max Rimmer-Chambers in the Openshaw community where he lived. Max was an amazing boy who loved cars, bikes, scooters and quads; he just loved playing with anything that had wheels and went fast.

Max loved his local community and playing with friends inside Delamere Park and so his family, in partnership with the Friends of Delamere Park and Manchester City Council, are working together to create a new cycle trail for the local community as a lasting legacy for Max. This fits in perfectly with his passions and also connects with the ambitions of Manchester to become a city with cycling at its heart.

As Kerrie Rimmer-Chambers says ‘the community are so supportive of us developing Max’s Cycle Trax in Openshaw. This will really help the local community to engage with the cycling agenda in Manchester in memory of Max.’

Step Up for Max and Kerrie

Kerrie is looking for financial support to build this new facility, alongside donations already raised by the community. Maybe you could run a fundraising activity or your business could run some staff related fundraising activity?

Get in touch if you can help!

Step Up Cash Target £40,000
Creative Media Project for Beswick

The Wire, a Beswick resident, wants to establish a creative media space and café in the community to bring people together and positively promote brand ‘Beswick’. This will help build a stronger sense of identity, enable people to learn new skills and grow their community connections.

As The Wire says ‘creative media can really build a strong ambition for the people of Beswick and ensure our voices are heard. Beswick is more than sports city. We can do this for Beswick!’

Step Up for The Wire

The Wire is looking for financial support to equip a trial facility and to see if a creative café and media space could work in the community.

Get in touch if you can help!

Step Up Cash Target £10,000
Art in Openshaw

Pavia Ward is an Openshaw resident passionate about how the arts can support young people to develop their leadership skills and self-confidence. Pavia has worked all over Manchester delivering workshops for other arts organisations but is troubled by the lack of arts opportunities for young people in her community.

Pavia says ‘Young people in Openshaw should have access to high quality arts activity in their community and I want to make this happen.’

Step Up is bowled over by the skills and passion Pavia has and wants to work with her to establish her project in Openshaw. This will include establishing a Youth Board to help shape and manage her project.

Step Up for Pavia

Pavia is looking for financial support to set up her new arts space. She also needs some volunteers to sit on her new committee alongside young people from the area. If you have youth work or arts experience, we would love to hear from you.

Get in touch if you can help!
Step Up Cash Target £5,000
Heaven on Earth: The Space

Heaven on Earth is a social enterprise that offers the local community a variety of health and wellbeing activities for all the family to enjoy together including family yoga, ayurvedic cooking classes, gardening, specialised workshops and creative performance events.

Sharon says: ‘Since recovering from a broken back, I’ve dedicated my entire life to yoga and have been completely pain free for over 9 years. I am on a mission to spread the healing power of yoga and inspire people to live their VERY BEST life!’

To make this dream a reality, Heaven on Earth are hoping to raise funds to purchase St. Vincent’s School House so they can offer a lot more classes, workshops and courses to the community for free.

Step Up for Heaven on Earth

This is an ambitious project which requires business support to make it happen. Maybe your company could partner with Sharon and help raise funds for the social enterprise to buy the building?

Get in touch if you can help!
The Beacon Project

A group of local people are looking to re-open the Barrington Community Centre as a community led resource for the local community. A new charity has been set up and the aim is to re-name the building as The Beacon Centre and create a new hub offering loads of different activities to support the health and wellbeing of the local community.

Step Up for The Beacon centre

This is an ambitious project which requires business support to make it happen. Maybe your company is interested in helping support this projects development. Maybe you could help fundraise for a Development Worker who would be employed to help move the project forward.

Get in touch if you can help?
M-Wagon

Artist Mark Jermyn has created the M-Wagon, our Step Up Chat Room which will pop up across Ancoats, Beswick, Clayton and Openshaw over the coming months.

Powered by bicycle, the M-Wagon will build conversations with local people to uncover YOUR bright ideas for the local community.

Watch out for the M-Wagon as it tours the area. If you have a community event you think we should be at then get in touch and invite us along.

How will you Step Up for Ancoats, Beswick, Clayton and Openshaw?

If you have an idea for a project, want to volunteer your time, or help us raise funds for local projects we’d love to hear from you.

Opportunities

Are you a local artist that can help us design and deliver creative approaches to community engagement?

Or perhaps you’re a resident, business, or member of the public or voluntary community and want to get involved through our Board or Advisory Panel?

Please get in touch today with your ideas, to support us, or to request a recruitment pack for our current opportunities.

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