Thank you to all the people from across Manchester who gave their stories, ideas, experiences, art, acting, time and effort to make this presentation!
Learning objectives

To introduce you to Manchester’s All-Age Disability Strategy

To explain the ‘Social Model of Disability’

To make you think about how inclusive Manchester is and potential barriers that some people may face

To get you to think of ideas for what could be changed in Manchester to make the city more accessible for everybody
Manchester’s All-Age Disability Strategy

Manchester is introducing a new strategy called the:
All-Age Disability Strategy

A strategy is:
A plan created to achieve a long-term goal

The All-Age Disability Strategy is:
Manchester’s plan to make the city a better more inclusive place for disabled people to live, work, visit and enjoy.

Who is it for?
The plan is for everyone! All people, businesses, schools, colleges and services in Manchester.

To make a difference to the lives of disabled people in Manchester everybody needs to be involved!
Models of Disability
with thanks to Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People for letting us use their explanation and diagrams

Medical Model of Disability
This model says that people are disabled because they have impairments and so try to ‘fix’ them.

- Operation to ‘fix’
- Can’t see the leaflet
- Can’t hear
- Can’t hear speak
- Can’t get on the bus
- Trying to make ‘normal’

Social Model of Disability
The social model says that people who have impairments are disabled people because they face barriers, not as many opportunities and aren’t always accepted by other people.

- Information not given to people in a way they can understand
- Inaccessible environment
- No lift
- Not accepting people
- Not enough sign language interpreters
- Transport not accessible

Person with a disability

We don’t like this way of thinking!!!

Disabled Person

We should help everyone to be included!
The social model of disability says that:

- People who have an impairment(s) are disabled by society.
- That there are both physical and attitudinal barriers in the way that stop some from living their lives how they might want to.
- And that it is society that needs to change – not the disabled person!

So we need to look at how accessible Manchester is and think about what needs to change to make the city more inclusive.

An impairment can be physical or mental and has a long term / substantial impact on a person’s life.

The Equality Act 2010

Not all impairments can be seen!
- e.g. mental health, dyslexia and autism.
Please watch this video: https://youtu.be/Ntoek3nMGml

It is the story of a young man called Sam, he wrote his story down for us to use to help educate other people.

It has been acted out and filmed by students from Melland High School
We asked lots of disabled young people and people with special educational needs about themselves and what they think of Manchester. This is what they told us:

Our Manchester: Who we are

I'm 16, male, Muslim, half British half Pakistani, son, nephew

I'm diagnosed with ADHD, anorexia, depression, dyslexia

I'm disabled and proud of it, it's who I am

I'm me! male, 15, mate, brother, son, cousin, nephew, grandson, teenager, gay

I don't identify as disabled, I'm me!

I'm disabled and have epilepsy but I don't want to talk about it

My name is… I like football and boxing

When people introduce themselves I say: I'm just a normal guy – not a disabled guy

I'm a sister and a daughter. I like doing sports and cooking and I'm a great singer

I have a physical disability and live with my parents in Manchester

We are all individuals and all different! Ask us about ourselves and how to help us – don’t treat us all the same!
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**Our Manchester: What is important to us**

- People getting on with each other
- Chance to do my own hobbies
- My college because I want to go to University
- Stopping street violence
- Being able to express myself
- Being safe
- Making friends
- School and my teachers
- Stopping people being homeless
- Being able to make my own choices
- I need to have a routine
- Getting a paid job I want
- Manchester – all the places and the stuff going on
- Relationships – getting a girlfriend / boyfriend
- People being helpful
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**Our Manchester: How to support us**

- Talk to me - not someone helping me
- Be helpful
- Extra support to achieve qualifications
- Independent travel training / better support travelling
- People respecting each other
- Let me answer
- By caring about people
- It would be better if places were less crowded
- Help going out at night
- Ask us what we need!

1. Respect our differences
2. Be helpful
3. Don’t speak in jargon
4. Help with finding somewhere to live independently
5. Support to learn how to do a job
6. Help with finding somewhere to live independently
7. Explain things to me slowly
8. Respect our differences
9. Listen to me
10. Tell me what help is available
11. Think before you speak
12. Let me answer
13. By caring about people
14. It would be better if places were less crowded
15. Help going out at night
16. Ask us what we need!

- Learn British Sign Language
Competition

We want to make Manchester even more inclusive for everybody but to do this we need your help.

1. We want you to think about a barrier (or more than one barrier) that a disabled person may face in Manchester.

2. Now, come up with some ideas for how this barrier could be overcome!
   - They can be big or small ideas – we just want to hear them! You can choose how to present your ideas to us – take a photo/video/write them down/draw a picture… it’s up to you!

3. Send your ideas to us at: engagement@Manchester.gov.uk
   Or post to: Engagement team, Manchester City Council, Westwood Street Office, Moss Side, Manchester, M14 4PH
   - Please include your name, the school/college and an email address or phone number
   - Send us your ideas by Friday 12 May 2017

We will be inviting the people who’ve come up with the best ideas to come and present them in person to the All-Age Disability Strategy Partnership Board at the Town Hall.
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We need you!

Would you like to be involved in helping put the All Age Disability Strategy into action?

We want to invite you to come and tell us what the main issues / barriers are for young disabled people and people with special educational needs in Manchester.

Who is it for: Anyone up to the age of 25 (you may identify as disabled / have a special educational need or just want to contribute)

When: Tuesday 28 March 2017
Where: Town Hall, Manchester
Time: 5pm – 7pm

To book a place please email: a.bennetton@Manchester.gov.uk and tell us how we can support you to be involved.

If that isn’t for you but you would like to get more involved in giving your say in Manchester then why not join Manchester Youth Council.

You can find out more information at: www.manchesteryouthcouncil.co.uk
Thank you