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## EVENTS SUPPORT PACK

### Introduction

The **People's Plan** is a new initiative by and for citizens and civil society of **Greater Manchester**. At public meetings and gatherings, in feedback, in comments and letters to the press, many people from this region have expressed an understandable desire for the people of Greater Manchester to have a **meaningful say** about the newly devolved local responsibilities and resources and the priorities for our region's future.

Consequently, a **broad alliance** of people, groups and networks, of citizens and civil society, of community groups, experts from think tanks and academia, business people, trade union members, campaigners, artists, technology and media professionals and more, in various ways and to varying degrees, have voluntarily come together - to involve as many people as are willing and gather and compile views, priorities and proposals into a special **People's Plan**, to be available for the election in 2017 of a new metro-mayor for Greater Manchester.

For more information please visit the website: [www.PeoplesPlanGM.org.uk](http://www.PeoplesPlanGM.org.uk)

### Objectives

The **People's Plan** can help us together to provide:

1. opportunities for GM citizens and civil society to have a meaningful say on GM devolution
2. constructive challenge and improvement of GM strategy and delivery

for social, environmental, economic and democratic progress.

### Approach

The **People's Plan** programme provides simple ways to explore and to contribute views, priorities and proposals. The approach and framework is open and supportive and includes ways to **get involved** online and in-person with others.

A **strong team** of people with skills and experience will then faithfully work through and analyse the various contributions and prepare a **package of proposals** and options — robust and credible, with a roadmap and strategies for **practical implementation**.



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## Participating in the People's Plan

Each of us can be part of the **People's Plan** by joining in **online** and on **social media** and attending linked **events**. This pack provides information about **event participation** and how to contribute views, priorities and proposals for the **People's Plan**.

### Types of Event

#### Local Borough Events

The city-region of **Greater Manchester** includes Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan, with a combined population of around **2.8 million** people.

At a local borough event you can have your say on what's working well, what's not and what the **People's Plan** should include, for your local borough.



#### Themed Events

Explore some specific themes a bit deeper, with others who also care about how best to face the challenges, develop opportunities and make better progress together.

Themed events you can join in with, amongst others, include:

**Health and Care, Transport, Democracy, Environment, Jobs and Economy etc.**

#### Freestyle Events

You can hold your own events and discuss the topics that matter to you and your friends and colleagues. You can organise these the way that best suits your group or network.

In the following pages you will find information that will help with your inputs to the **People's Plan** and the values we hope will make this a positive and meaningful opportunity for everyone.

The website Events page includes a list of **Events By Date**.

Many different kinds of events are ideal for discussion that can help contribute views, priorities and proposals.

Feel free to **contact us** if you are organising an event, or would like to. (Contact details below and on the website).

Get in touch, there'll be ways others can help - and **please share** this information.



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## Being Part of the Conversation

Here are just a few suggestions for a good event:

- Use the '**Values**' as a helpful guide (next page).
- In some settings, having facilitators will help keep discussions flowing.
- Informal chat is also a great way to explore and contribute.
- Good discussions will both encourage and develop views.
- Refine views during discussion, so they can be expressed concisely and clearly.
- Help discussions to focus on producing inputs to the **People's Plan**.
- **Every participant in a discussion can make their own direct online inputs into the People's Plan - this is very important.**

The analysis of inputs, for the plan formulation, will help to show the range of views, priorities and proposals - things we can **agree** upon and things we may **disagree** about.



## Contributing Inputs to the People's Plan

### Capturing information from events is really important!

Full details and access to the ways of making inputs and entering views into the **People's Plan** are on the website:

[www.PeoplesPlanGM.org.uk/Online-Inputs](http://www.PeoplesPlanGM.org.uk/Online-Inputs)

The '**Other Inputs**' link is where you can quickly and easily provide inputs directly, from mobile devices or at home, before, during or after an event, as single suggestions or several at once.

### Online Inputs



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### Quick Start Questions



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Please also encourage everybody to answer and share the online '**Quick-Start Questions**'.

If possible before an event, please try out the '**Online Inputs**' section on the website, so that you are familiar and comfortable with how it works.

*What does and doesn't work for you and your family?*

*Value real-world experiences, here and now.*

*Discuss a broad range of views on improving matters.*

*Things agreed and disagreed about are both important.*

**All inputs are wanted and valued - let's maximise meaningful participation by everybody!**

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## Values

### **Cooperation and Goodwill**

The People's Plan is made possible and sustained by voluntary cooperation and goodwill.

### **Respect and Freedom**

Behaviour by and towards People's Plan participants and volunteers should be respectful and freedom of speech protected (within established legal parameters).

### **Equality and Inclusion**

All people living, working or studying in Greater Manchester should have an equal right to meaningful participation in local decision-making processes affecting their lives. The People's Plan engagement programme should expect and welcome diversity of identity, geography, age, experience, circumstance, opinion and modes of expression.

### **Accountability and Integrity**

Contributions to the People's Plan should be handled with high standards of accountability and integrity and with personal privacy and rights protected.

### **Transparency and Involvement**

The People's Plan information and processes should be open, recorded and shared to support the objectives and to allow for participants and volunteers engaging at different points in time.

### **Evaluation and Delivery**

The collective efforts and achievements of the People's Plan will inevitably be judged as somewhat less than perfect, but will nonetheless be sincere in the delivery of a good measure of success in achieving the objectives.

### **Democracy**

The People's Plan should aim, in its approach and character, to help towards broadening, deepening and strengthening people power and local democratic participation and accountability fit for the 21st Century, from grassroots to City Hall and beyond. The People's Plan is not a survey of data subjects – it is a participatory form of local democracy in action, by and for citizens and civil society.



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