



The Greater Manchester Survivors History Group

We are a small group trying to develop collective histories of mental health survivor history in Greater Manchester. This includes survivor and service user history and related radical mental health movement activity.

Do you have a collection?

If you have a collection of pamphlets, or records of a local group, or files of newspaper cuttings, or other material that is part of survivors' history, you can share your treasure with us by listing what it contains.

Tell us about:

- Important events and meetings
- Leaflets and information
- Protests, letters and other activities
- Group and organisations

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We are part of the **Survivors History Group** which was founded in April 2005 to value and celebrate the contribution that mental health service users/survivors have made and are making to history. We are working towards a comprehensive history on our website

<http://studymore.org.uk/mpu.htm> where we will also preserve historical material in digital form, for easy access.

A Manchester timeline

1969 PNP - People Not Psychiatry. People Need People (London and Manchester)

1970 The Phobics Society (Manchester)

1974 Federation of Mental Patients Unions (Manchester)

1979 *Your Rights in Mental Hospital* (Manchester MPU) - Manchester MIND - 42nd Street (Manchester)

1981 David Brandon *Voices of Experience. Consumer Perspectives of Psychiatric Treatment*. North West Mind - Preston, Lancashire

1982 *Commonplace* established by Manchester Mind.

April 1984 *Psichiatria Democratica* (Italy) tour of Sheffield, Manchester and London

1988 First Hearing Voices group formed in Manchester by activists from Manchester Mind and Manchester Alliance for Community Care.

May 1988 Distress Awareness Training Agency (DATA) started. Base in Greater Manchester.

5.4.1989 First session of *Having a Voice Conference for people who use Mental Health Services in North Manchester*.

November 1990 First National Hearing Voices Conference held in Manchester.

June 1994 "Forging Our Futures" conference at Manchester Airport - part of the Mental Health Task Force process.

December 1994 Launch of Schizophrenia Media Agency,

May 1997 The North West Right to Refuse Electroshock Campaign

1999-2002 Survivors United Network newsletter and email, edited by Andrew Hughes in Oldham.

28.2.2001 First UK Survivor Workers' conference held in Manchester.

December 2001 A Hearing Voices group started in Strangeways prison

September 2006 CASL: *The campaign for the abolition of the schizophrenia label* launched.

14.9.2006 First World Hearing Voices Day celebrated in Manchester by a parade in Picadilly Gardens with music and song.

10.9.2008 Recording *Our Histories. Survivors History Greater Manchester* hosts an open meeting of the *Survivors History Group* at the Asylum! Conference and Festival