



MOSS SIDE



Building on our heritage - Investing in our future

MSV's Space Manchester hub is open every Monday between 10 am and 2 pm. More on page 5

MOSS SIDE MATTERS

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MSV has now submitted plans for 212 much-needed homes on the former site of the Reno nightclub.

You can find out more about these new social rent and rent-to-buy homes for local people, on our website or by scanning the QR code or [click here!](#)



MSV's Positive Futures project in Moss Side scoops a National Award

We are delighted to share that we have won the Learning and Work Institute's **Talent is Everywhere Award** for our Positive Futures service — recognising the success of our learning and skills support in Moss Side.

This prestigious *Get the Nation Learning Award* shines a light on individuals and organisations that are supporting healthier futures, stronger communities, more opportunities, regional growth, and enriched lives. Scan the QR code or [read more here](#).



Updates on events, opportunities for young people, wellbeing support, and the amazing projects happening across your local neighbourhood.

MSV Housing is proud to work alongside residents, schools, community groups, and partners in Moss Side.

Welcome to Moss Side Matters – a newsletter for everyone in the community.

We're proud to work alongside local residents, schools, community groups and partners to support Moss Side neighbourhoods, celebrate our rich heritage, respond to local needs, and enhance the environment for future generations. In this newsletter you will find a round-up of the fantastic things happening in your community and the projects you can get involved in, including job opportunities and how we support young people in Moss Side.

Positive Futures

Employment and Training Hub

Positive Futures, based at Space Manchester on Great Western Street, is a community hub helping people in Moss Side to gain new skills, improve wellbeing, and find work.

Working with local partners, the hub delivers a mix of skills development, wellbeing activities, and environmental projects — all focused on building brighter futures through education, opportunity, and community.



Positive Futures is a service for everyone in the Moss Side community.

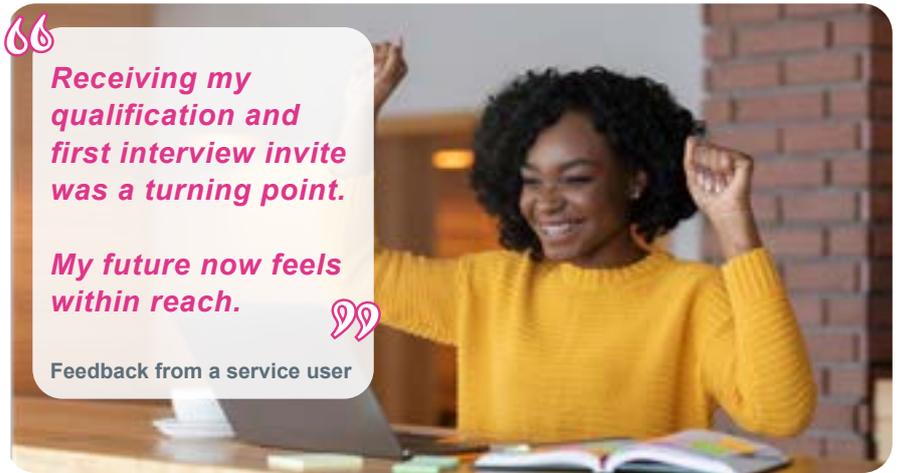


Receiving my qualification and first interview invite was a turning point.

My future now feels within reach.



Feedback from a service user



The Community Mentor Programme, funded by the Workers Education Association (WEA), continues to make a real difference. The programme offers:

- ★ **Skills development**
Training and learning opportunities to help you into work.
- ★ **Wellbeing support**
Activities and resources to boost your health and happiness.
- ★ **Environmental projects**
Working together for a greener, more sustainable Moss Side.

So far this year there have been over **50 new referrals**, with learners receiving digital support — including **tablets** to access job searches, online learning, and employers — and **16 vouchers** issued to help with interview clothing, travel, and training costs. Alongside this, our Community Mentor has worked intensively with **86** individuals, resulting in **seven** confirmed job outcomes.

Find Positive Futures at Space Manchester,
125 Great Western Street,
Manchester, M14 4AA



The logo for 'Blunt Truth' features the word 'BLUNT' in large, bold, black capital letters. Below it, the word 'TRUTH' is written in red, hand-drawn style capital letters, with a red underline underneath.

The Blunt Truth

Standing Together Against Knife Crime

MSV is proud to be leading Blunt Truth – a powerful new youth-led initiative tackling knife crime in Moss Side, Hulme and Rusholme.

Working alongside Manchester City Council, Greater Manchester Police, Jigsaw Homes, One Manchester, CEG, The Powerhouse, Hideaway, Kyso, and Street Doctors, Blunt Truth focuses on early intervention and education to raise awareness, prevent violence, and offer positive alternatives for young people.

The project is already making a real impact in local communities. We've delivered *How to Stop the Bleed* sessions to young people via Street Doctors at Kyso, Hideaway and Proctors throughout September — with more sessions in the pipeline for October and November.

St Mary's School Year 6 pupils have also taken part in knife crime awareness workshops delivered by Creating Effective Generations (CEG), with more than 60 children involved. In total, we've engaged over 100 young people through the Blunt

Truth project so far, with more sessions planned in local primary schools over the coming months.

MSV already supports life-changing projects such as Street Doctors and the CEG mentoring service, and Blunt Truth builds on this work to create even stronger community connections.

Knife crime in Greater Manchester has risen by over 70% in the past decade, with more than 1,500 knife-related incidents reported last year alone.

Blunt Truth officially launches in June during Knife Crime Awareness Week — sharing real stories, raw facts and powerful change.

Find out more about the Blunt Truth project by scanning the QR code or visiting www.msvhousing.co.uk and searching for "[We Are The Blunt Truth.](#)"



Talent is everywhere: Our Positive Futures service recognised with national award



We're delighted to share that our Positive Futures service at Space Manchester has been honoured with the "Talent is Everywhere" award at this year's Get the Nation Learning Awards for its outstanding learning and skills support in Moss Side.

From helping those recovering from trauma or navigating homelessness to guiding young parents and older residents, the service continues to transform lives and open doors to new opportunities.

Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to read the full story and celebrate this achievement.



Winner of the Talent is Everywhere Award

MSV Housing

“ We bring people together from all walks of life, to help build confidence, gain life changing skills and ultimately find the right path for them to go on to achieve and fulfil their ambitions.

Get the Nation Learning Awards

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Space Manchester is the place to meet!

“It’s a place to learn, connect and feel supported”

Space Manchester is a community hub that supports local residents through skills development, wellbeing activities, and environmental initiatives aimed at making Moss Side greener and more sustainable. It also offers a welcoming space with two training rooms and smaller private rooms available for meetings, group work, or community projects, providing opportunities for people to learn, connect, and grow together.

If you’d like to use the space for your project, group, or idea - get in touch, we’d love to hear from you.

Get in touch:

Space Manchester
125 Great Western St,
Manchester, M14 4AA



Drop-In opening hours:
Mondays from 10am to 2pm

Tel: 07786 960 241
Web: www.msvhousing.co.uk
Scan the QR code or [click here!](#)

Drop-in for all the community

MSV hosts a community drop-in every **Monday** at **Space Manchester** on Great Western Street. Open to all members of the community.

Stop by Space Manchester Hub for a friendly chat with community organisations such as; **Manchester City Council, GMHP, MSV Housing, One Manchester, The Millenium Powerhouse** and other community partnerships.

Talk to us about neighbourhood concerns, for example: crime, greening up outdoor spaces, moving home and accessing the Positive Futures employment and training services!



Did you know?

MSV is an official **Hate Crime Reporting Centre**.



We offer a supportive space and advice to help you report incidents to the police, provide guidance to prevent issues from escalating, and we will support you in understanding hate crime and hateful behaviour.

Report hate crime in person at the **Space Manchester hub** on Mondays 10 - 2pm, or by calling MSV at anytime in strict confidence on **0161 226 4211**. Our Anti-Social Behaviour Team will respond, keep you updated, and provide support. Alternatively, you can email: staysafe@msvhousing.co.uk

Up and coming courses



Diabetes Clinic

MSV host's a weekly Diabetic Clinic at **space manchester** run by the brilliant team at **Reed Wellbeing**.

The clinic helps people living with diabetes to lead healthier lives through group sessions led by trained coaches. Local GPs refer patients to the sessions, which focus on education, healthy habits, and managing risk factors across the community.

So far, the clinic has supported 48 residents, helping them take positive steps towards better health and wellbeing.

Help for people experiencing homelessness

Manchester City Council have been carrying out homelessness assessments at Space Manchester to support anyone facing a housing crisis. The team are there to listen, provide guidance, and help people find a safe place to stay. So far, 48 homelessness assessments have been completed, ensuring that more people get the support they need when they need it most.



Free legal advice

The Greater Manchester Law Centre are now attending Space Manchester drop-in sessions to offer free legal advice for anyone who may struggle to access support elsewhere.

If you or someone you know needs help, please come along and speak to their friendly team on Mondays, anytime between 10 am – 2pm, at Space Manchester.

Counselling Support

We've partnered with the **Manchester Counselling Training Centre** to offer counselling sessions delivered by trainee counsellors from the centre.

The sessions aim to help individuals work through mental health challenges and build emotional wellbeing.



This free support is available to residents in the Moss Side area. Drop-by Space Manchester to find out more about this service.



Courses run at Space Manchester

5 Steps to Wellbeing Course

Earlier this year, Manchester Adult Education hosted the 5 Steps to Wellbeing course for the local community, focusing on improving mental health and resilience. The course offers:

- **Practical ways to look after your mental health.**
- **Activities to boost your wellbeing.**
- **New ways to connect with people and local services.**

A total of 16 people took part, learning simple, positive steps to support their overall wellbeing.

One participant shared:

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I am truly blessed attending the wellbeing course as its taught me new ways to keep well and that overall health is not just in the mind, it's in the little things we are able to enjoy by ourselves and make others happy too even if we don't have much or are struggling. ”

Let's Talk About What's Next

One Manchester delivered the Let's Talk About What's Next programme at Space Manchester, supporting 16 individuals to plan their next steps and explore future opportunities.

The four interactive sessions focused on work, skills, training, confidence building, and goal setting, with mentors offering one-to-one support and advice to help participants move forward.

FIND US

Space Manchester, 125 Great Western St, M14 4AA
Drop-In opening hours: Mondays from 10am to 2pm

Opportunities for Young People



Fancy a career working in repairs?

Joinery, Plumbing Painting and Decorating, Gas Servicing work experience opportunities available at MSV Housing!

We often have exciting work experience opportunities with our MSV Repairs Team – giving young people the chance to get hands-on experience, learn new skills, and explore a career in housing maintenance.

We're proud to support the next generation of trades professionals, with some past placements even going on to secure full-time roles at MSV.



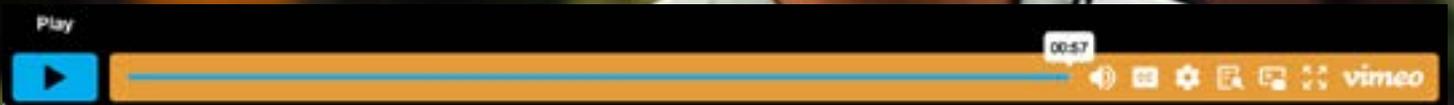
Read about [Chris's apprenticeship success story here](#) or by scanning the QR code.

I have developed professionally and personally - I have learned the technical skills of my trade, but alongside this I've developed in the fields of customer service and interaction as well as working as a part of a team and I've gained the confidence to carry out these daily responsibilities

- Chris Doherty -



Work Experience in Housing with MSV and the Carriocca Impact Programme



D'jhan gained valuable experience working with MSV Housing's Marketing Team through the Carriocca Impact Programme – a seven-week course designed to give young people practical skills and work experience across sectors including sport, engineering, technology, finance and health. This September, the programme returns, with current participants completing their qualifications by gaining hands-on experience in housing at MSV.

Watch D'jhan's video (QR code or [here](#)) to hear about his journey on the Carriocca Impact Programme and how it helped him grow his career.



From September, five Manchester College students with additional needs will also buddy up with our Repairs Team to gain day-to-day skills. Earlier this year, four students joined us for work experience, getting a taste of different MSV roles – including spending time with residents at Elmswood, which inspired exciting new intergenerational projects. If you're interested in taking part in a course like this, please get in touch.

Interested in joining MSV?



Around 20% of our colleagues live in social housing, bringing lived experience and passion to what we do every day. Scan the QR code to take a look at our current job vacancies and visit www.msvhousing.co.uk to join our job pool



If you interested in any of these opportunities please contact Jade on **07786 960 241** or stop-by **Space Manchester** to speak to us in person at the community drop-in, every **Monday** from 10am to 2pm.

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MOSS SIDE



Supporting young people and strengthening our community.

Moss Side is home to a vibrant, creative and resilient community. Young people are the heart and future of this community, but they face challenges such as limited opportunities, a lack of safe spaces, and social pressures that can prevent them from reaching their full potential.

That's why MSV Housing, Manchester City Council, Jigsaw Homes, Arawak Walton, and One Manchester have come together to launch the Moss Side Youth Fund.



[Click here](#) or scan the QR code to find out the Moss Side Youth Fund can help your community project!

By investing directly in grassroots ideas, community organisations and local residents, the fund aims to:

- Support young people with positive opportunities and activities
- Build stronger, safer and more connected communities
- Celebrate and strengthen Moss Side's proud community spirit.
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The Kindness Fund

MSV also offers funding of up to £1000 to support projects in your local community. We fund environmental projects, health and wellbeing initiatives and ideas to tackle poverty, supporting vulnerable and isolated people and bringing communities together.

Please visit www.msvhousing.co.uk to apply.



Community Fun in Moss Side



The summer community event at The Rec Park in Moss Side was a fantastic success, attracting around **250** residents and featuring over **30** employers and partners. The day was filled with stalls, games, sports, music, and plenty of opportunities for people to connect.

Afzal Khan MP joined the fun, chatted with residents, and even gave rugby a go:

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It was fantastic seeing our community come together and enjoy the summer holidays in The Rec Park over games, music and Moss Side pride. - Afzal Khan MP

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Highlights included:

- **Chatting to local people about the issues that matter most at the MSV stand.**
- **Sports and activities with Sale Sharks, Stride, Man City, and Street Doctors.**
- **Creative workshops with Odd Arts and Creating Effective Generations.**

A huge thanks to the Millennium Powerhouse, who led the event, to all the partners who supported it, and to everyone who came along to make the day so special.



Greener Neighbourhoods



The Brotherhood Peace Garden Project

There's a new movement growing in your local community, growing and providing food for people who need it.

Thanks to a pot of funding from MSV, this overlooked and neglected space has been transformed from a grey lifeless tarmacked area to a beautiful and abundant garden; with 17 raised beds being used to grow food, three apple trees and two fig trees. It also helped Brotherhood Cross and Star to offer a food club where people in need can visit, connect and receive a generous amount of food for a small contribution.

Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to hear Michelle explain more about the inspiration for this project.

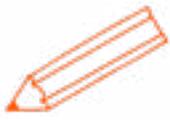


Crofton Street Gardens

Transformation of the Crofton Street communal gardens is underway. The area had become a hotspot for high level fly-tipping, pests (including rats) and a blight on local peoples lives. Working with the community, MSV has supported local residents to transform the garden into a usable space for children and families.

Down the Alley

The cobbled alleys have long been a thorn in the side for many Moss Side residents, due to crime, anti-social behaviour and fly-tipping. We are piloting alleygating, clean-ups, and community champions are making Moss Side safer and cleaner. Keep an eye out for a clean-up near you and come along and get stuck in.



Back To School Support

At the Powerhouse “Back to School” event, we distributed 50 donated pencil cases and stationery packs, supporting local families and helping children start the new school year feeling confident and prepared.

Give and Gain

Our recent Give and Gain Day in Moss Side was a great success!

MSV colleagues teamed up with local partners to spruce up shared spaces, tackle overgrown gardens, and give parts of the neighbourhood a well-deserved refresh — all while supporting the people who make this community so special.

As part of the day, the Customer Voice and Influence Team restored two gardens through our new Helping Hands pilot project, which supports vulnerable customers with small home and garden tasks that fall outside of our usual property care.

The project was created to offer a helping hand to customers who can't manage certain jobs themselves, can't afford to pay for help, or don't have family nearby to lend a hand — and it's already making a real difference.



Manchester Caribbean Carnival

MSV was proud to support this year's Manchester Caribbean Carnival in Moss Side – a celebration of culture, unity and community pride.

We provided we gave out 650 tickets, £3,500 to the carnival event and also supported the Community Guardian Scheme financially which helped keep everyone safe and supported throughout the event.



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