Disabled Disabled People's Archive





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Since it was established in 1985, Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People (GMCDP) has documented and preserved its own history together with that of the wider Disabled Peoples' Movement and the trailblazing individuals within it.

The archive contains thousands of historical documents and photographs as well as video and audio tapes, banners, posters, placards, badges, t-shirts, reports, rare books, leaflets and campaigning materials spanning many decades. It has all been donated to the archive by individuals and disabled poople's

individuals and disabled people's organisations. The archive continues to grow and, thanks to our partnership with Archives+, it is safely stored at Manchester Central Library.

GMCDP is proud to be able to preserve this unique and

invaluable resource. It brings together published and unpublished records from a range of organisations, demonstrates the power of collective action and highlights the achievements of the disabled peoples' movement.



Our overall aim is to ensure as many people as possible can access this significant resource, and the next phase will be to systematically catalogue the archive and make parts of it available via open viewing, exhibitions, web access and publications.





GMCDP campaigns to promote the rights of disabled people and our inclusion in society. We provide information and run events and training courses. We actively promote the understanding and implementation of 'The Social Model of Disability', which underpins all our work.

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Archives+ is situated in Manchester Central Library and brings together a partnership of amazing regional and national collections of documents, photographs and films, and helps to satisfy a growing demand for accessible community history and personal heritage.

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