



# **Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People (GMCDP)**

## **Project Evaluator Opportunity**

**Timescales:** August 2025 – April 2027

**Budget:** £4000

**Reporting to:** CEO of GMCDP

**Closing date:** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Notification date:** Week commencing Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – TBC

## **About; Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People (GMCDP)**

We are a disabled people's organisation, 100% run and controlled by disabled members. We campaign for the rights and inclusion of disabled people and promote the Social Model of Disability. We bring disabled people across our region together to fight discrimination, influence local policy, and preserve our movement's heritage. Our mission statement is:

**“To promote the full inclusion of disabled people in society and challenge the discrimination and oppression of disabled people.”**

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## **About; The Disabled People's Archive**

The Disabled People's Archive (DPA) is run in partnership with Archives+ and records the history of disability activism in Manchester, Britain and around the world. This collection is the largest disabled people's archive in England, and is hosted by GMCDP and stored at the Manchester Central Library. The project exists to give disabled people access to their own history, and to work with other archives, libraries, and other services to make heritage more accessible. Recently, the Disabled People's Archive team has catalogued a significant part of the collection and is working towards presenting this history in an accessible way to disabled people across Greater Manchester.

## **About; The Accessing Our Hidden History Project**

Funded by The National Heritage Lottery Fund

**August 2025 – April 2027**

GMCDP has recently secured £237,928 in support from The National Heritage Lottery Fund to ensure this important collection is now showcased and fully accessible to disabled people - ensuring our history does not remain hidden.

We aim to launch our project in late 2025 during GMCDP's 40 years anniversary celebrations, celebrating the work of individuals, groups and organisations within the Disabled People's Movement. We will do this through a series of events, workshops, archive sessions and a community archive outreach programme, blending in-person, hybrid and online opportunities throughout. We will also be carrying our opportunities to contribute to our archive, including through oral histories activities. There is an action learning approach embedded within our project.

## **About; Evaluator Opportunity**

The consultant will provide:

- Guidance and expertise in the design and approach of our evaluation as part of our development phase, ensuring quality evaluation

standards are embedded from the onset, including in our systems, methodology and approach (September – December 2025)

- Carry out evaluation days as part of our project plan, on a 3 monthly basis to enable action learning and ensure our delivery, approach and quality is to industry standards
- Carry out a mid-point project review in April 2026
- Working with the CEO and Project Lead, produce an end of project evaluation report in April 2027

## **Project Evaluation Approach:**

Our project will recruit an independent evaluator who will work closely with our Disabled People's Archive Steering Group, CEO, and project staff team. Our project will be evaluated against the overall objectives and outcomes referenced within our NHLF funding application, alongside agreed project research critical questions. The project staff team will embed ongoing monitoring and evaluation from the outset of our project, reviewing progress monthly, whilst also holding 3-monthly evaluation sessions, which will evaluate areas such as:

- Feedback from project participants
- Impact of project activities
- Successes and challenges

This will be utilised to inform any project changes, decisions, improvements or adjustments, operating with a view to continuous improvement and utilising action research and learning.

Our evaluation methodology will include qualitative data but will have a focus on action research, informed by quantitative evidence.

Led by our evaluator, but supported by the CEO and project lead, at the mid-point of the lifetime of the project we will conduct a mid-project evaluation and review, reflecting on the project's overall successes, weaknesses, challenges, and new developments.

At the close of our project, the evidence collected throughout will be presented in an Evaluation Report, including key learning and a set of recommendations that will inform a sustainable DPA plan and strategy, as well as best practice for the future.

## Applying for this role:

**Please specify, in no more than 4 sides of A4:**

- The approach/ methodology you would use to meet the aims and objectives of the work
- The experience you would bring to this project
- How you would support GMCDP in evaluating the impact of this project, including embedding it into project set up
- How you would approach this work in a way which ensures accessibility and inclusion

Please send this information to [info@gmcdp.com](mailto:info@gmcdp.com) no later than noon on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Please mention the job title in the email subject line.

**GMCDP will use the following criteria in assessing applications:**

- the degree of understanding of the issues demonstrated by the bidder
- the appropriateness of the proposed methodology and methods
- the degree of experience to complete the work demonstrated by the bidder

This role has been made possible through funding by The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

