DRAFT LEAFLET for consideration by steering group

GREATER MANCHESTER COALITION OF DISABLED PEOPLE

ORIGINS

During the past year, the Greater Manchester Disability Action Group has been discussing ways in which Consumer Coalitions, Centres for Independent Living and collective action by disabled people could be debated and promoted in the county. This culminated in a conference held on 16th June 1984, which was attended by over fifty disabled people plus their supporters.

The Conference decided that a Coalition controlled by disabled people should be set up, membership being open to all such persons, with a view to co-ordinating activities and resources relating to disability in the Greater Manchester Area.

PURPOSE

Broadly, the principles guiding the setting up of the Coalition are as follows:

a. To establish a county-wide organisation that is controlled by disabled people;

b. To facilitate the active participation of disabled people in any decisions or processes which affect their lives;

c. To further the social integration and equality of opportunity of disabled people;

d. To support and encourage the development of independent living initiative throughout the County;

e. To develop a more unified approach to disability issues within the Greater Manchester County and where necessary take corporate action.

POSITION AT AUGUST 1984

A steering group of twenty disabled people which was formed at the 16th June Conference, to make some initial arrangements, hopes to put forward its proposals at a second conference, possibly in the autumn. ANYONE WISHING TO BE INVITED TO THIS CONFERENCE OR BE KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS SHOULD ASK TO BE INCLUDED ON THE GREATER MANCHESTER COALITION OF DISABLED PEOPLE MAILING LIST AT :-

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