

MOET AGM Minutes

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 23rd April, 2026

Ashgate Specialist Support Primary School
Crossacres Rd, Peel Hall, Wythenshawe, M22 5DR

AGENDA

Networking, refreshments and have a look at MOET's new Minibus.

Annual General Meeting (Formal Part)

- Annual Report
- Accounts
- Election of Trustees
- Change to Charitable Status

SEND Outdoor Provision

- Case Studies from Ashgate Primary and Lancastarian School
- Manchester's Local Offer
- Ghyll Head's accessible Path

Duke of Edinburgh Scheme

Findings on our consultation with Youth and Play providers

Headlines

2025–26 Annual Report

The Manchester Outdoor Learning & Adventure Strategy

Headline: MOET has worked with key partners to develop Manchester's 10-Year Vision for a Thriving Outdoor Community.

- **The Vision:** Making Manchester the "**Outdoor Adventure Capital of GB**" for children and young people.
- **The Strategy:** The full Strategy and summary is [here](#).
- **Research-Backed:** Commissioned reports by Sheffield Hallam University. MOET and Team MCR followed this report with deep-dive focus groups with schools, youth leaders, and "Youth Voice" engagement.
- **Presented** to MCC Scrutiny Committee in October 2025. Jeff was asked to start the committee meeting with a briefing from MOET.
- **Core Priorities:**
 - Addressing health inequality hotspots.
 - Improving access to green/blue spaces.
 - Developing a 10-year roadmap including Active Parks, Education, and Youth action plans.



Muddy Maps & Early Years Orientation

Headline: MOET piloted a new Muddy Maps scheme developing the basics of mapping for the Under-5s.

- **Partnership:** Collaborative work with the British Orienteering Federation.
- **Impact:** Empowering nursery staff to lead outdoor orientation in local parks.
- **Key Finding:** Identified a "Starting Point Gap"—significant differences in outdoor readiness between North Manchester (Cheetham Hill) and South Manchester (Wythenshawe/Didsbury).

PE Conferences & Partnership Networks

Headline: MOET delivered 2 courses

Manchester Schools PE Conference: Delivered sessions on Muddy Maps and embedding adventure into the Primary PE curriculum.

- **The Delivery Network:** A forum of 15 representatives from 11 agencies.
- **Coordination:** MOET (Manchester Outdoor Education Trust) now acts as the central representative to coordinate funding information and collaborative delivery.

Community Engagement: Film Nights

Headline: London Mountain Film Festival (LMFF) Community Events.

- **Station South (March 2025):** Raised £800.
- **Withington Public Hall (March 2026):** 85 attendees, 11 films shown, raised over £1,000.
- **Purpose:** Beyond fundraising, these nights serve as a vital "gathering" for the Outdoor-loving community in Manchester.

MCC Commissioned Work (The Youth Sector)

Headline: Expanding Support via Manchester Youth & Play.

- **Funding:** Secured a grant to support youth provision.
- **Training Successes:**
 - **Ghyll Head Introductory Visit:** 12 youth leaders (10 of whom had never led a residential before).



- **Skill Courses:** Funded places for Expedition Skills (19 attendees total), Hill Skills, and upcoming Mountain Skills.
- **Stakeholders meetings** x 2. Well attended with 35+ organisations represented.
- **Youth Voice:** Collaborative workshops to ensure the sector's needs shape future delivery.

The 3-Year Strategic Commission

Headline: A "Step Change" for MOET.

- **The Award:** MOET have been asked to manage MCC Commissioned funds for 3 years that aim to out Outdoor Learning and Adventurous Activity at the heart of Manchester's Youth and Play VCSE organisations.
- **Two-Fold Purpose:**
 1. **Grant Administration:** Managing funds for Water Adventure Centre, DofE, and Snow Camp.
 2. **Sector Capacity Building:** Strengthening the Voluntary/Community Sector (VCS) to reduce barriers to the outdoors through subsidies and small grants.

The New MOET Minibus

Headline: Breaking the Transport Barrier.

- **The Vehicle:** A brand new, fully accessible 17-seat Peugeot minibus.
- **Accessibility:** Lightweight design (can be driven on a standard license—no D1 required) with an electric lift for up to 4 wheelchairs.
- **Management:** Partnership with **Nacro** for insurance and maintenance.
- **Safety:** In-house MiDAS (Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme) training and assessment now available.
- **Launch:** Available for youth groups to drastically reduce transport costs.



Accounts 2024-5

Headline: Accounts to August 2025 :-

Receipts and Payments Accounts Year ended 31 August 2025

Receipts	Last year	This year
Donations, legacies & other	2,991	17,992
Activities to generate funds	3,562	2,806
Total receipts	6,553	20,798
Payments		
Charitable activities	26,409	20,480
Management & Administration	1,231	869
Total Payments	27,641	21,349
Net of receipts/payments	-21,088	-551
Cash funds last year end	52,609	31,521
Cash funds this year end	31,521	30,970

Election of Trustees

Trustees re-elected:-

- Jeff Seneviratne
- Elaine Morrison
- Roger Hennell
- Sarah Clarke
- Claire Redrobe

New trustee voted in:-

- Dave Marsh

Hannah Vecchione stood down and was thanked for her passion, contribution and expertise shared with MOET.



Change to Charitable status

The proposal was discussed:-

- MOET transitions into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
- Association Model or Foundation Model
- Foundation Model enables MOET to:
 - Be more agile
 - deliver more impact for young people across Manchester
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MOET members can expect:

- An **annual meeting** to share progress and impact
- **Regular updates** and newsletters
- Opportunities to attend **events and contribute to the wider network**

AGM Motion was proposed and unanimously accepted

Members are asked to consider and approve two motions:

- **To apply to the Charity Commission to establish a new CIO** named Manchester Outdoor Education Trust
- **To adopt the Foundation Model** for this new organisation

Ghyll Head Accessible Path

John Cresswell presented Ghyll Head's new accessible path and thanked the CIWM and MOET for the grant funds that made it possible. CIWM have grant funded another £10k towards the next phase, sensory additions to the trail and a refurbishment of the 'Dead Shed'.

Duke of Edinburgh Scheme

Vicki Doyle updated on the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

Consultation with Youth & Play Providers

Beth Craigen (NACRO) updated on the headline findings of a scoping report carried out for MOET to identify how best to communicate the OLAA offer to VCS organisations.

