

Defend and Rebuild our Public Services



HEALTH

Respect believes that the NHS should be a fully funded, publicly owned service, delivering care free at the point of use. Respect is opposed to the closure and privatisation of our health services.



HOUSING

Respect believes that decent, affordable housing should be available for everyone who needs it. Millions are being made from building flats in the centre of town which most can not afford. Isn't it time we built more council homes to reduce the time young families have to stay on the waiting list?

Respect will oppose any further sell off of council homes in Manchester.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Respect believes we should be investing in our young people and their abilities. We believe in the need for a fully comprehensive, state run education system - where every child matters. We believe that the Manchester Academy should be returned to local authority control.

Young people leaving school and college need decent jobs and more apprenticeships at decent rates of pay. Children and young people deserve local youth and community facilities of the highest quality.

IN SOLIDARITY

Respect defends the rights of asylum seekers and refugees to claim sanctuary from persecution..

2007 brought a number of important victories for local people seeking asylum. Respect in Manchester is proud to have actively supported these campaigns.

OVERSEAS VISITOR BONDS

Respect believes the

New Labour government's proposed imposition of a £1,000 bond for visitors to this country from Pakistan, Bangladesh and India is racist, divisive and discriminatory. Respect opposes the introduction of these bonds.



CLIMATE CHANGE

Respect believes that global warming and climate change is one of the most serious issues we face and is caused mainly by the production of greenhouse gases through the burning of fossil fuels like oil and gas.

However, we oppose the introduction of the congestion charge. Despite the best intentions, the council's plans will make Manchester dependent on future car traffic to raise revenue to pay for the scheme - rather than reduce car use across the whole city.

Our name RESPECT represents what we stand for

Respect - for young & old, black & white, whatever religion they follow or none. We celebrate the diversity of modern Britain.

Equality - We stand against all forms of racism and discrimination. We reject the Islamophobia of both press & politicians.

Socialism - for a democratic, socially just & inclusive society organised on the basis of human need & not private profit.

Pace - for the immediate withdrawal of British & other foreign troops from Iraq & Afghanistan. No to war with Iran! Yes to nuclear disarmament!

Environment - we are for the defence of our environment locally, nationally & internationally! We campaign against the causes of climate change & the ecological disaster facing us. We demand urgent action not more words.

Communities - whether I'm elected or not we aim to campaign in our community for better services, better schools, hospitals & in defence of council housing.

Trades unions - we support the trade unions and are for the repeal of all anti-trade union legislation. We will campaign alongside all working people for decent pay and better & conditions.



It takes Respect to get respect.

The Greater Manchester Respect branch meets on the first Thursday of every month starting at 7.30pm, at the Saffron restaurant, Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester (200m from MEN arena). Our next meeting is on **Thursday 3rd April**.

Please come along if you want to get involved in our campaigns or to find out more about Respect.

Don't forget to register to vote by 16th April

There will be local elections in Manchester on May 1st 2008. To vote in these elections you **must be on the electoral register**. If you are not already on it, the last day you can register to vote is **Wednesday 16th April 2008**.

Phone Manchester City Council's Registration Officer on **0161 234 3145** or visit www.aboutmyvote.co.uk/register to get a form.