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We've all had cause to stop and reflect on what it means to live in 'safe and strong communities' in recent months. The horrific attack at Heaton Park Synagogue, the proliferation of flags throughout local communities, and the ensuing debate over whether this signified pride and patriotism, or an attempt to make some people feel unsafe and unwelcome.

Common in much public and political discourse over the past few years (particularly on social media) has been strong and vociferous polemic, in place of genuine dialogue. Unsurprisingly, this drives division and fear and does little to build consensus and community.

More positively, I'm writing this as we have just commemorated Remembrance Sunday, when many of us reflect on the huge sacrifices of previous generations; brave individuals who "for your tomorrow, gave their today;" people who had a bigger vision for communities and society, that transcended selfishness or the desire for self-preservation.

We are now on the inevitable long march towards Christmas when, traditionally, we will make special efforts to think about the needs of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in our communities. In this context, whilst we have very genuine reasons for concern, we also have cause for hope and no shortage of impetus as we continue our important work here at Salford Foundation of building 'safe and strong communities.'

I hope you feel something of this hope as you read about our work; that you share our drive and determination to make a difference; and that you will feel moved to support our Christmas campaign. Thank you to all our colleagues, volunteers, supporters, partners, and funders for your continued support in changing lives.

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From the 25th November 2025, Salford Foundation will be taking part in UN Women's "16 Days of Activism" initiative, raising awareness of domestic abuse and the support available to victims across our social media channels.

The campaign aims to reach reach victims and survivors who are experiencing domestic abuse and violence in Salford. This will include people from BAME backgrounds and the LGBTQ+ community.

As lead partner for the **Safe in Salford Partnership**, we will promote its domestic abuse services and encourage victims and survivors to come forward and ask for support through the Safe in Salford website telephone Helpline. The campaign will also encourage perpetrators to seek help and support if they are worried about their behaviour and want to change.

Watch out for our posts on social media and comment, like and share with your network or visit our Safe in Salford page to download resources.



Salford Foundation works with the the Big Life Group out of Bolton on the Wellbeing Service. The Wellbeing Service is a partnership of welcoming community spaces across Greater Manchester, supporting people on probation to move forward with their lives.

One of our service users, Dean, recently visited the Wellbeing Service's Bolton Hub after our Salford Hub donated a bike for him. Me and Dean thought it'd be a good project to get into together — something to help him find a new hobby and also work towards his goal of losing a bit of weight and keeping active.

On our first visit to the Bolton Hub repair workshop, Dean really threw himself into it. He was straight in there, getting involved and asking questions.

It was great to see him so focused and enjoying himself. He got chatting with one of the volunteers and they hit it off right away — they even went for lunch together afterwards, which was really nice to see.

Before we left, the Hub kindly gave Dean a bike to use while his project bike is being worked on. Since then, he's been out on loads of rides with his cousin and has really enjoyed getting out and about. "I really appreciate everything you and the Hub do for me," Dean told us. "I'm thankful for the opportunity and all the support I've been given to lead my life more positively. Boredom used to be a big issue for me, but now I've got something that keeps me motivated and happy."

His probation officer has also mentioned how positive all this has been for him. Dean's even reached out to her himself to tell her about the bike and what he's been up to, which just shows how proud he is of what he's doing.

We're heading back to the Bolton Hub next week, It's been brilliant to see how much this has lifted Dean — he's found something he really enjoys, he's meeting new people, and it's helping him feel better about himself and his future.



Maureen, in her early 60s lives on her own and rarely leaves her house due to long-term mental and physical health issues. She was initially referred to Julie, Salford Foundation's Energy Advisor, over 18 months ago for help with gas arrears.

Julie has provided ongoing specialist advice as well as emotional support to Maureen on a range of issues including money management, debt advice, energy efficiency, utility bills, welfare benefits, and managing online accounts. Julie arranged fortnightly visits to Maureen's home due to her vulnerabilities and has been helping her to become more independent and build confidence to access other services and support including:

- Applying for grant funding to clear all Gas Arrears of £3,490.
- Setting up a direct debit payment for utilities to avoid arrears building up.
- Supporting transition from Employment Support Allowance (ESA) to Universal Credit, improving confidence in managing online accounts
- Successfully reviewing her Personal Independence Payments (PIP) to ensure income and smooth payments
- Successfully requesting a Council Tax Exemption based on severe mental health needs
- Liaison with the housing association prior to full electrical rewire of her property to alleviate anxiety around having strangers in her home

'I could not have coped without you supporting me. I realise it can't go on forever but I can't thank you enough for the help and care you've shown to me. I'm really looking forward to coming to visit the Women's Centre because I love arts and crafts and I'll still get to see you now and then!'.

Feedback from Maureen, Service User

Julie has recently referred Maureen to Salford Foundation's "Positive Pathways" project. The project aims to reduce social isolation and improve women's wellbeing in Salford by developing community connections, delivering wellbeing activities and offering peer support.





We're pleased to announce we have received funding from Greater Manchester Combined Authority to continue working with schools on our Steps project.

Steps is a 5-week curriculum that aims to educate and engage boys aged 9-13 about the behaviours and attitudes that enable incidents of violence against women and girls (VAWG). We want to build boys' confidence to question and take a stand against harmful behaviours and gendered expectations, within their schools and the wider communities they engage in.

Alongside our delivery of the Steps curriculum, we have been supporting school staff in adopting a whole school approach to address gender-based violence. We believe it's important for young people to have trusted adults around them who are prepared to hold space for them to discuss topics like gender stereotyping, misogyny, and harmful online content.

We are confirmed to work with 18 schools so far. We will be delivering training and in-school support for school staff to utilise our curriculum and develop their confidence in educating about and responding to incidents of misogyny and VAWG.



We're delighted to introduce a new part-time team member who will be working specifically to support staff and service users from Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME) backgrounds. This role has been created in recognition of the unique barriers that individuals from ethnic minority communities may face when accessing domestic abuse services.

The BAME support worker will play a vital role in improving inclusivity and accessibility across our services. They will work closely with staff to enhance cultural awareness and sensitivity, and with service users to ensure their voices are heard and their needs are met. This includes offering tailored support, advocating for individuals, and helping to build trust between communities and services.

By identifying and addressing systemic and cultural barriers, the BAME support worker will help us move closer to our goal of providing equitable, person-centred support for all. Their presence will also contribute to ongoing staff training and development, ensuring our team is equipped to respond effectively to the diverse experiences of those affected by domestic abuse.

We look forward to the positive impact this role will have and encourage staff and service users to connect with them for support and collaboration.

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