

Greater Manchester Digital Ball



Inclusion . Community . Impact

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Introduction

Digital exclusion continues to be a major issue, with people living in digital poverty increasingly left out in a world where everything has become digital-first. To bridge the divide, people need access to three key things: equipment, connectivity, and skills.

Collaboration is key. With a group of board members and supporters from across the Greater Manchester region, we have come together to ignite the tech community through an annual charity ball, creating a powerhouse fighting a common goal: helping the disadvantaged, abolishing digital exclusion, and driving positive change.

Digital technology and the internet can transform lives by creating opportunities and providing support where it's needed most. To tackle the underlying causes of digital exclusion, we have created the annual Greater Manchester Digital Ball to challenge the digital divide and raise funds so more people can develop skills and access the technology needed to live in a digital world.

2026 Event

The first annual Greater Manchester Digital Ball takes place on the 16th October 2026, at Kimpton Clocktower Hotel.

The 2026 Greater Manchester Digital Ball will be hosted at Kimpton Clocktower Hotel, and will bring together over 300 members of Manchester's Digital and Technology community.

Whether you want to make new connections or see old friends, we have everyone in the room, from CTOs and CDIOs to entry-level talent. This is your chance to build meaningful relationships and even do some business while raising money for Forever Manchester.

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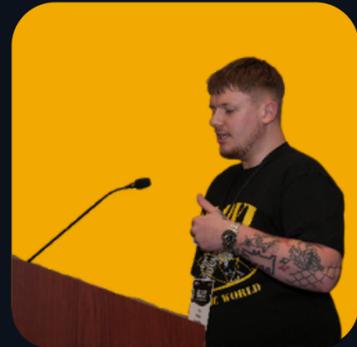
Meet our Committee Members



Sandra Patel



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Charity Partner

Forever Manchester, founded in 1989, is the community foundation for Greater Manchester that raises money to support grassroots community activity across the region.

It provides funding and support to hundreds of local projects every year, from mental-health support groups, food banks and disability groups, to junior football teams, refugee networks, music groups and schemes for older or under-represented people.

By doing so, Forever Manchester helps local people come together to build stronger, happier and more inclusive communities - backing small-scale, locally run initiatives that make a real difference on people's doorsteps.

Since its creation, the charity has invested tens of millions of pounds into local communities, ensuring support is available across all neighbourhoods in Greater Manchester.



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Impact So Far

Forever Manchester is Greater Manchester's Community Foundation, the only charity that raises money to fund and support community activity across Greater Manchester.

We believe that connected communities make stronger, happier communities. We provide funding for a wide range of community projects such as mental health support groups, disability groups, junior football teams, food banks, refugee support networks, and knit & natter groups.

As more of our everyday lives move online, it's important that everyone has the chance to join in confidently and comfortably and **digital inclusion plays a huge part in helping people feel connected.**

With support from the Greater Manchester Digital Ball, we can help local groups provide the tools, skills and friendly encouragement people need to get online, whether that's learning how to use a device, accessing essential services, or simply staying in touch with loved ones. By backing community led digital projects, we're making sure that everyone across Greater Manchester can feel included, supported and better connected in an increasingly digital world.

As the chosen charity partner, Forever Manchester will receive all fundraising proceeds from the event. Every donation will go straight into supporting community projects that help people feel included, supported and able to thrive, values that sit at the heart of everything we stand for.

We're incredibly proud to be part of this fantastic event celebrating what makes Greater Manchester so special: its people, its communities, and its unique spirit of looking out for one another.

Together, we can build a stronger, happier, and more connected Greater Manchester.



Sponsorship Packages



Platinum Sponsor Package

£10,000

Number available: 2

***If possible, you are also encouraged to donate a prize for the auction**

- 3 x Tables of 10
- 9 x bottles of wine
- Special thanks on the evening plus a speaking opportunity on the stage
- PR release and comments
- Your sponsorship will be announced across our social platforms
- Logo and branding featured across all marketing channels
- Branding on all materials for the event
- Access to pre-event launch lunch



Gold Sponsor Package

£6,000

Number available: 5

***If possible, you are also encouraged to donate a prize for the auction**

- 2 x Tables of 10
- 6 x Bottles of wine
- Special thanks on the evening
- Logo and branding featured across all marketing channels
- Your sponsorship will be announced across our social platforms
- Access to pre-event launch lunch



Silver Sponsor Package

£3,000

Number available: 8

***If possible, you are also encouraged to donate a prize for the auction**

- 1 x Table of 10
- 3 bottles of wine
- Logo and branding featured across all marketing channels
- Your sponsorship will be announced across our social platforms
- Access to pre-event launch lunch



Entertainment Sponsor

£3,000

Number available: 1

***If possible, you are also encouraged to donate a prize for the auction**

- This package includes all entertainment on the evening
- The band will thank you as they take the stage
- Your sponsorship will be announced across our social platforms
- Logo and branding featured across all marketing channels
- 1 x Table of 10
- Access to pre-event launch lunch



Auctioneer Sponsor

£3,000

Number available: 1

***If possible, you are also encouraged to donate a prize for the auction**

- This package includes sponsorship of our silent and live auctions
- The Auctioneer will thank you as they take the stage
- Your sponsorship will be announced across our social platforms
- Logo and branding featured across all marketing channels
- 1 x Table of 10
- Access to pre-event launch lunch

Pay It Forward Tickets

At the Greater Manchester Digital Ball, we are deeply committed to fostering inclusion and ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to be a part of our community. Every year, the committee proudly provide Pay It Forward to individuals who may not have the means to attend the ball. This initiative allows them to experience the event, celebrate with us, and connect with the tech and digital community in ways they might not otherwise be able to.

These Pay It Forward tickets open doors for individuals, enabling them to network with professionals, gain insights into the industry, and be inspired by the innovation and creativity that defines our community. By supporting this initiative, our sponsors and attendees help create a more inclusive environment where everyone can benefit from the opportunities and experiences the Manchester Digital Ball offers, regardless of their circumstances.

Join us in making a difference and ensuring that our community remains open, welcoming, and inclusive for all by buying a Pay it Forward ticket.

Together, we can bridge the digital divide and empower more people to thrive in the digital world.



Why not donate a **prize for the auction?**

The Greater Manchester Digital Ball is all about fundraising to support Forever Manchester!

So, every business involved is encouraged to donate a prize for the charity auction.

Does your business have a VIP box to offer for a night? Or a hot property available for a couple of nights? Or maybe even a product that you could provide to be auctioned?

Any prize donated would be greatly appreciated.





All proceeds will go directly to Greater Manchester Community Foundation's Forever Manchester Fund to bridge the digital divide.





To discuss the proposal in more detail, please email:
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