

# Become a Referral Partner for the Manchester's Rising Stars Fund



**We Love MCR Charity knows that the right support, at the right time, can be lifechanging for some young people. We believe that a young person's finances and family network should not be what holds back their ambition.**

The Manchester's Rising Stars Fund (MRSF) supports ambitious, talented, young people (aged 16 to 25) to achieve their potential - by funding vital equipment, training and resources to help them take their next step to success in Employment, Entrepreneurship, Education or Training.

Discover more about the Fund here: [www.welovemcrcharity.org/rising-stars-fund](http://www.welovemcrcharity.org/rising-stars-fund)

There are many great organisations working with young people across Manchester. We believe that by building the MRSF into their own offer, organisations can strengthen their offer, build on SKILLS FOR LIFE and further help young people to step up into future success.

**We are inviting you to become a Referral Partner of the Manchester's Rising Stars Fund. The referral partnership is outlined here:**

## **We Love MCR Charity will:**

- Offer pre-application advice and guidance to potential applicants, to maximize chances of success for young people
- Identify additional bespoke opportunities for collaboration between your organisation and We Love MCR Charity
- Promote the Referral Partners on We Love MCR Charity's website and social media
- Attend meetings with Referral Partners to promote the MRSF your staff and volunteer teams

## **The Referral Partners will:**

- Promote the Manchester's Rising Stars Fund to the young people they support
- Identify potential applicants to the fund and support them to apply
- Promote the referral partnership as part of their offer to young people
- Ensure that all appropriate support options for young people are explored before applying to the fund (entitlement to benefits, student loans / bursaries, support from school/college etc)
- Share and amplify the Charity's promotion of MRSF
- Ensure the applicant and the supporting referee complete the evaluation feedback form following each successful award.





# Meet our first Rising Star: **Mariajacky**



**Mariajacky is a very bright young Mancunian, battling through huge obstacles to fulfil her ambition...**

After many disruptions in her education, Mariajacky had to leave her family home and moved into The Contact hostel for homeless young women in Whalley Range. Studying at St Peters RC High School and no longer supported by her family, she relied on donations from her local church and the support of the great people at The Contact. For most teenagers, this would spell the end of their education – but not for her.

Studying full time, Mariajacky took on casual work at KFC to fund her travel and her laptop costs. Then during her GCSEs she was caught up in the Arena attack on 22nd May 2017 – remarkably managing to continue to study despite the huge stress from this experience. As a resilient young woman, she went on to get great results in her 9 GCSEs and entered 6th Form College.

To concentrate on her studies, Mariajacky stopped working part-time, and again finances became a big problem. It was at this point that she heard of We Love MCR Charity and our Manchester's Rising Stars Fund. We were delighted to award her a Grant to enable her to pay off her laptop debt and to fund her travel to college and to the library. This eased the financial pressures as she prepared for her final A-Level exams...



She did so well in her exams that she took a place at Leeds University, to study Aviation Technology with Pilot Studies. Now that is a Rising Star!! As a young woman still with no family to support her, we were delighted to award her a second grant, to fund essential items so she could move into a new room in Leeds. She had difficulties at Leeds, but as always is the case with Mariajacky, her independence shone through and she propped herself up in rented housing by working two jobs, one of which was in a care-home throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. These caring qualities run through every fibre of her and, not letting herself be put off by her tribulations in Leeds, she successfully applied to study midwifery at University of Hertfordshire and is settling in brilliantly, making friends in the first week!



**If we count for even 1% of Mariajacky's success, we're immensely proud of her, and thankful we could help. We welcome her as our first Rising Star Ambassador and cannot wait to see the next chapter of her success unfold...**

## **We Love MCR - join us!**

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**To become a Referral Partner, please tell us:**

About the young people you work with:

How you see MRSF fitting into your current offer to young people:

How you will promote the Manchester's Rising Stars Fund both internally and externally, and what support you need from We Love MCR Charity to do this:

**Thank you.  
We Love MCR Charity  
[www.welovemcrcharity.org](http://www.welovemcrcharity.org)**



**We give heart, hope and opportunity to the people of Manchester, when they need it most.**