

Manchester's Rising Stars Fund

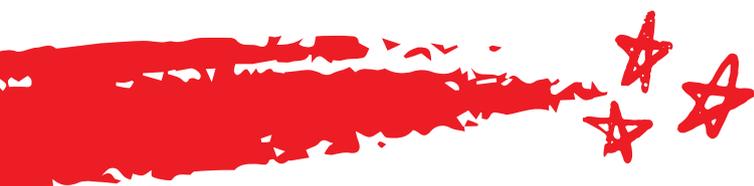
Become an Official MRSF Referral Partner

We Love MCR knows that the right support, at the right time, can be *life* changing 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 supports ambitious, talented, young people aged 16 to 24 years old to achieve their potential - by funding vital equipment, training and resources to help them take their next step in Education, Employment, Entrepreneurship or Training.

Discover more about the Fund here: www.welovemcrcharity.org/rising-stars





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 move on and step up into future success.

By becoming a Partner to our Fund, you can access exclusive benefits, including:

- Have a channel to discuss potential MRSF Grant applications informally, to maximise each applicant's chances of success
- Ensure your Young People get the best chance to secure grant-funding to further their own ambitions
- Be able to demonstrate your partnership publicly with an iconic Manchester charity
- Identify additional, bespoke opportunities for collaboration with We Love MCR Charity



Take a look at Kizzy & Ali, two of our most recent awards!



Kizzy is a 16 year old from Hulme. She is an incredibly talented young woman who has been selected for the Under 16 GB Basketball team and is on the development programme for elite athletes. We Love MCR is incredibly proud to support her through one of our Grants to attend a specialist college which will help her achieve her ambitions of playing Basketball for GB, and one day perhaps playing professionally in America.

A true Rising Star!

Ali is a talented young musician studying at The Manchester College. He is also a refugee in receipt of universal credit. Ali applied to the Manchester's Rising Stars Fund for production equipment to enable him to progress onto his music production degree. By funding the equipment he needs, We Love MCR is supporting Ali to achieve his dream of becoming a music producer.



And turn the page for our first ever Rising Star...





Meet our first Rising Star: **Maria**



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

After many disruptions in her education, Maria 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, Maria 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, Maria 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....



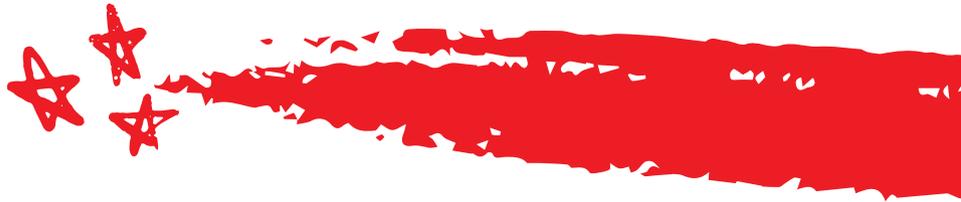
She did so well in her exams that she took a place at Leeds University, to study Aviation Technology with Pilot Studies. Now that is a Rising Star!! As a young woman still with no family to support her, we were delighted to award her a second grant, to fund essential items so she could move into a new room in Leeds. She had difficulties at Leeds, but as always is the case with Maria, 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 Maria'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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when they need it most.**

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