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DISPENSARY NEWS

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Ancoats Dispensary Trust is thrilled to announce it has been shortlisted for the 'Most Successful Campaign' through the Spirit of Manchester Awards 2014! The Spirit of Manchester Awards is a series of awards celebrating and highlighting all the excellent work being carried out in Manchester's voluntary and community sector. We will produce a short film in partnership with Manchester Community Central, and this will be shown and voted upon at the awards evening ceremony at The University of Manchester (Barnes Wallis Building, Sackville Street, M1 3BB) on Thursday 25th September 2014. *[9th June 2014]*

2. An announcement concerning our 'Heritage Enterprise' Round One application

The Ancoats Dispensary Trust is disappointed to announce that our application for initial support under the Heritage Lottery Fund's Heritage Enterprise programme has been unsuccessful. We are now working extremely hard to submit a revised, more robust application as soon as possible. We would like to thank you all for your incredible support and please ask that you stay behind us and Ancoats Dispensary whilst continuing to watch this space - Ancoats' beating heart is still beating very strong! We are also pleased to say that we have now re-submitted a more robust application and we will receive the result of this sometime in July - so not too long to wait! *[15th April 2014]*



3. 'Sharing the Vision' at Hallé St Peter's - a thank you



In February 2014 well over two hundred people gathered to hear about our vision for the Dispensary when the Ancoats Dispensary Trust hosted the fantastic free public event 'Sharing the Vision' at Hallé St Peter's. Supporters and stakeholders were all treated to the acappella sounds of Golden Voices, Manchester's only senior choir, contrasting beautifully with the young voices and lyrics of the very talented Brighter Sound. With heritage displays, a merchandise stall, art exhibits by AWOL Studios and delicious food, there was also a performance by actor and Patron John Henshaw who as auctioneer managed to raise a massive £700 for a beautiful exclusive work of art by urban landscape artist Julian Bovis. Julian also generously donated ten limited edition prints of the Dispensary that quickly sold raising a further £500 towards our funds. A variety of speakers each spoke about the Dispensary from their own perspective, including a pre-recorded message of support from Lucy Powell - Manchester Central's first and only female Member of Parliament. Other performers on the night included the Leos Strings Quartet and Master Chu's Lion Dance Troupe. Our thanks must be expressed to all the hard working student volunteers, our speakers, the audience and everybody else who supported this event in any way shape or form! The Rt Reverend David Walker, The Bishop of Manchester, summed up the evening perfectly in just three words - '*It was amazing!*' - The fantastic video of this event, kindly produced by Brickhouse Productions, as well as a full written review and Lucy Powell's speech can be viewed on our website. [1st March 2014]

4. 'Party in the Park' at Philips Park

If you are around on **Sunday 27th of July from 12:00 - 16:00** we will be having a stall at 'Party in the Park' at Philips Park (Address: Stuart Street, Manchester, M11 4DJ). Come along and meet us for a chat over a coffee to find out how you help and be part of Ancoats Dispensary Trust. We are going to need lots of volunteers should we be successful with our resubmitted application! [May 14th 2014]



5. 'Creating our Future Histories' with Manchester Metropolitan University

Manchester Metropolitan University have won a £46,000 Collaborative Skills Training Award, and Ancoats Dispensary Trust are one of the groups who will begin working September 2014 - May 2015 with the university in research to discover how we could record particular periods of history relating to Ancoats and its close neighbourhoods. This will lead to a public exhibition showcasing the work under the heading of 'Creating our Future Histories.' [May 14th 2014]



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