



# Rochdale and District Disability Action Group RADDAG

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts  
Rochdale and District Disability Action Group  
Charity Number 1115475

For Financial Year ending March 2022

## **Aims and Purpose**

RADDAG exists to promote the Social Model of Disability and to work towards securing Full and Equal Human and Civil Rights for all Disabled People, through the removal of barriers.

RADDAG aims to: -

- Be the representative voice of disabled people in the Borough of Rochdale
- Secure the best possible services for all disabled people
- Advise service providers on disability Issues
- Be involved in the consultation process regarding disability
- Provide a forum where organisations working towards greater equality for disabled people can share ideas, expertise and good practice
- Provide training on relevant disability issues
- Work towards a fully accessible Borough of Rochdale
- Ensure that service providers are following the legislation of the Equality Act and any other appropriate legislation.

RADDAG will achieve these aims by continuing to: -

- Campaign for greater equality
- Provide information and signposting for disabled people, their family, friends and supporters
- Encourage disabled people to strive for equal opportunities within housing, leisure, education, employment, travel and health service provision
- Challenge discriminatory stereotypical assumptions

- Empower local disabled people to exercise choice and control and in using their legal and human rights to achieve independent living
- Work with communities and organisations in the public, private and voluntary sectors to inform them of their responsibility to be fully inclusive and accessible
- Scrutinise equality work within publicly funded organisations.

## **Our Work**

We have continued to focus on our core aim of ensuring that our voices as disabled people are heard, we would like to say thank you to our funders for recognising the challenges faced by disabled people, which have been compounded by the pandemic and providing funding which has enabled us to continue our work.

### **GM Disabled Peoples Panel**

RADDAG continues to be a member of the Disabled Peoples Panel for the Mayor of Greater Manchester; which aims to strengthen the voice of disabled people and their organisations in shaping, challenging and influencing strategic policy issues. The panel is made up of representatives from Disabled People's Organisations from across the 10 GM boroughs and is a great opportunity to influence decision making and also to share good practice across areas.

### **Working with Rochdale Borough Council**

RADDAG has continued to work with RBC on a number of project which ensure that people, in the borough with a protected characteristic, under the Equality Act, are involved in the decision-making processes to ensure they receive equitable and inclusive access to services and information. RADDAG provides information and support regarding the legal and statutory duties relating to the Equality Act, Equality Duty and other relevant legislation. The SLA has empowered RADDAG and its members to noticeably influence the planning and development of services and demonstrates a commitment by both organisations to partnership working.

### **Engagement**

Engagement with our members and members of the public continues and includes encouraging people to have their say in consultations along with regularly sharing important messages on social media, via our newsletter and by email. Along with our own membership we also forward information to our wide network of organisations who in turn disseminate information to their membership.

We continue to be contacted directly by our members and members of the public, around experiences of health and social care services, where appropriate feedback is given directly to services.

### **Rochdale Borough Disability Forum**

RADDAG facilitates the Rochdale Borough Disability Forum which is an opportunity to connect, share information, highlight issues and work together to break down the barriers experienced by disabled people. The aim of the Disability Forum is that as a collective of disabled people and organisations we can work together to drive change and ensure our voices are heard when decisions are being made. There is huge strength in information sharing and collaboration.

### **Focus for the year ahead**

- Continue to recruit new members and strengthen our executive committee
- Build on existing work to recognise the intersectionality of our existing and potential membership
- Continue to search for new funding and commissioned work opportunities
- Continue to work with partner organisations and seek out new opportunities for partnership working.
- Increase the number of local people who are engaged with RADDAG
- Continue to develop the Rochdale Borough Disability Forum

### **Thank you**

RADDAG is a user led Disabled People's Organisation which aims to be representative of the diverse community across the borough of Rochdale. Volunteers are central to our organisation and the trustees would like to express their sincere thanks to our volunteers for everything they have done this past year in such challenging times.

<b>RADDAG Accounts</b> <b>Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
RBC SLA	27,100.00
MHCLG	4,000.00
RBC Grant (Deaf Support project)	4,900.00
RBC Grant (Disability Ltd)	1,247.00
RBC Grant – (RinR)	5,660
RBC Grant (BYA)	3,300.00
GMDPP	528.75
RBC Grant (Hate Crime)	477.00
RBC Grant (Information booklet)	3,500.00
RBC Grant (HCAW)	600.00
RBC Grant (Women's Project)	650.00
HMR CCG (Research Project)	6,000.00
RBC Grant (Prevent)	1,750.00
RBC Grant (core project)	1,200.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>60,912.75</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
MHCLG project (Connecting people)	4,000.00
RBC Grant (Deaf support project)	4,900.00
RBC Grant (Disability Ltd)	1,247.00
RBC Grant – (RinR)	5,660
RBC Grant (BYA)	3,300.00
RBC Grant (Hate crime awareness)	477.00
RBC Grant (Information booklet)	3,500.00
RBC Grant (HCAW)	600.00
RBC Grant (Women's project)	650.00
HMR CCG (Research project)	6,000.00
RBC Grant (Prevent)	1,750.00
RBC Grant (core project)	1,200.00
Salaries	20,306.03
HMRC	5,852.24
Communications	3,678.54
Insurance	89.00
Volunteer Expenses	2,559.68
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>65,769.49</b>
Balance c/f from previous year	17,066.33
Total Income	<b>60,912.75</b>
Total Expenditure	<b>65,769.49</b>
<b>Balance c/f to next year</b>	<b>12,209.59</b>

This annual report and accounts have been approved by the Trustees.