

# NEWSLETTER

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### Libraries

#### [MANCHESTER CENTRAL LIBRARY](#)

**Christmas Extravaganza! 14 December 2024- 10:00am - 4:00pm (Free – drop in)**

Join us for this free fun-packed day of Christmas entertainment, featuring music, crafts, refreshments and special guests.

**Classic Christmas Film Marathon! 18 December 2024- 11:00am - 7:00pm (Free-drop in)**

Have we got the ultimate selection box for you! Escape from the shops and join us for a magical day of festive films. Suitable for families.

**There are some great libraries in the local area with lots to do for all ages including digital skill up workshops, story time for under 5s, age friendly hours. To find your local library visit:**

[Libraries | Manchester City Council](#)

### Sure Start Children's Centre

Do you have any children under 5? The Sure Start Centres offer groups and services to support families and pregnant people.

**MOUNT ROAD** – 18 Mount Road, M18 7BG

**LONGSIGHT FAMILY HUB**– 1a Farrer Road, Longsight, M13 0QX

**SACRED HEART FAMILY HUB**- Glencastle Road, Gorton, M18 7NE

**LEVENSHULME**- 1 Broom Avenue, M19 2UH

**ST JAMES**- Stelling Street, M18 8LW

Have a look at your local [Children's Centre's 'What's on'](#) Guide for more information.

### Things to know...

[Hide Out Youth Zone](#) Located in Belle Vue

*Somewhere safe to go- Something positive to do- Someone trusted to talk to...*

Youth Zone dedicated to providing opportunities and experiences to all local young people. The Youth Zone is open to young people aged 8-19 and up to 25 for those with additional needs. It offers a place where young people can make new friends, take part in activities, chill out, play sports, or try something new.

#### [FREE SWIMMING](#)

There are lots of family friendly swimming sessions across the city. There are free sessions during the school holidays for children under 16 when with a paying adult (£2.90 with a MCR Active card).

[Manchester Active Free School Holiday Activity.](#)

Manchester Active are offering FREE school holiday activities from sport and physical activities, arts and crafts and sometimes can include a variety of day trips. Places are available for children eligible for free school meals and those with no recourse to public funds. **For information on what's available visit the website.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN CITY CENTRE

### Manchester Christmas Parade- 8 December 2024

**1:00pm - 7:00pm (Free)**

The highlights of this year's parade will include Manchester's very own Elf Express - a spectacular train with carriages full of elves – and the return of the enchanting Snow Queen.

### People's History Museum

**Banner Bingo- Till 30 December- 10am - 5pm**

The quest is to find **different images featured in banners** found throughout the museum's two main galleries and 2024 Banner Exhibition. **Free Drop-in activity for 5+**

**Playful Protest Space- Weekend and School Holiday Activity- 10am- 5pm (Free- Drop in)**

A fun, free and relaxed space for families to get creative, play games, and watch films all inspired by People's History Museum. There will also be a massive mural where you can make your mark.

**Winter Open Day at Instituto Cervantes- 14 December 2024- 11:30am - 3:00pm (Free- Booking required)**

Instituto Cervantes will host a Winter Open Day with Latin music, performances, dance workshops and Spanish food and drink for you to try, there's lots for all ages and interests. There are even fun activities like painting & piñatas for the kids.

**Jingle in the Cringle- 15 December 2024**

**11:00am - 3:00pm (Free Entry)**

Head down to **Cringle Park** to experience live music, a visit to Santa's grotto, a toy swap, West Point Star Spirits, and a Santa trail with a free gift for the little ones.

**Christmas Story and Donkey Day at Gorton Monastery (Free Entry) 22nd December- 11:00am**

Join us for *The Christmas Story & Donkey Day* community event, a celebration for all the family – come and enjoy the festive fun, refreshments, music and activities, wear your favourite Christmas jumper or outfit, sing carols and meet real donkeys!

**Family Fun – Christmas at Elizabeth Gaskell's House- Wed, Thurs and Sun 1st - 15th December (Adults £8.50 under 16s are free with a paying adult)**

Step inside a Victorian family home for some Christmas cheer this festive season. Children can enjoy some Christmas creative craft in our Servants' Hall making tree decorations.

### SCIENCE & INDUSTRY MUSEUM

**40 things to see, do and discover-**

**12:00pm - 5:00pm (Free)**

Discover 40 of the highlights available to explore every day at the Science and Industry Museum. Take a look at the objects in the museum's collection and have a go at hands-on activities.

Whether you've got a couple of hours or a full day – there's plenty to do, see and discover for all ages.

**Light Lab- 14 December 2024 - 4 January 2025- 10:00am - 5:00pm (Free- Booking Required)**

Discover how to bend, block and move light with fun experiments and challenges. Make your shadow dance, view your reflection in our hall of distorted mirrors and challenge friends and family to laser maze games. Create your own glow-in-the-dark headbands and wristbands before taking a dance break in our rave room.

**Please visit the website to book your place and have Family Fun!**

## Upcoming Events in the Area

**Christmas Lights at Z-Arts- (ages 1 – 4)**

**(£10.00) 13 December - 29 December**

**10:30am - 2:45pm**

Join friends, Alvie and Kit as they embark on a playful mission to light up their house in time for Christmas. But what happens when your Christmas Lights seem to have a mind of their own?

Audiences will be invited to stay and play with the performers in the snow-covered garden after the show.

**Christmas at Debdale Park- 21 December**

**11:00am - 3:00pm (Free)**

Create your own Christmas decorations and gifts at a festive workshop in Debdale Park. Refreshments will be available throughout the event to keep your creative energy flowing.