

422 COMMUNITY HUB



A project of
Manchester Vineyard



About



The 422 Community Hub is a project of Manchester Vineyard. We are a local church, and took on 422 through a community asset transfer with Manchester City Council. Formally known as the Longsight Youth Centre which closed over a decade ago, 422 has held significance in our community for many years, and was one of England's first free public libraries back in 1850.

After three years of renovations, the building work is now complete. A significant amount of volunteer time has gone into the building, and over £1 million has been raised through donations and grants. Discounted works and social value contributions have also made it possible to have such a stunning building restored and reopened.

We love Manchester, and the dream for the 422 Community Hub is to loosen the grip of poverty, particularly for families, in an area that experiences some of the highest levels of deprivation in England. We have loved seeing people's lives being impacted as the building has come back to life. The opportunities available at 422 go far beyond programmes and activities run by us. Lots of local organisations offer inspiring groups, and hire spaces to keep 422 a thriving community hub. We are excited for all that is ahead!

422 exists to

1) Tackle social isolation and build community

The 422 Cafe and free groups on offer ensure that 422 is a welcoming, accessible space where people can meet, connect and thrive.

2) Practically provide

Through programmes like the 422 Pantry, we are able to alleviate some of the pressing needs in our community.

3) Deliver support for the long term

We seek to help loosen the grip of poverty on our community by providing opportunities, boosting physical and mental well-being and being a space our community can be proud of.

The journey to restoration

2019

Hundreds of our neighbours shared with us that having a community space was greatly needed, so we raised some money and got to work.

July 2021

The 422 Cafe opened in partnership with Pure Innovations

August 2021

Local groups began to hire spaces for dancing, sewing classes, coffee mornings & meetings

2020

Building works began. Working groups throughout the pandemic came together each week to knock down walls, remove debris and fill 40 skips!

Nov 2021

Our first of many community days welcomed 300 people through the building

300

March 2022

The 422 Pantry opened

June 2022

Works on installing the lift began

Winter 2022

New groups like Stay & Play started to offer free, warm spaces to play, get peer support and have fun!

Summer 2022

Two of the seven basement rooms are completed, ready for office space and classroom hire

2023

The building works are complete with a lift standing tall at the back of the building, making each floor fully accessible.

Progress snapshots!



Basement room today!



Windows before the work began



Gloomy basement corridor



Basement corridor today



One of our rooms to hire



Ground floor as work began



Kitchen transformation



Kitchen now!



Entrance to 422



New entrance!



Mezzanine before



Back of the building



Now completely transformed!

Our programmes

422 Cafe

The 422 Cafe is staffed by Pure Innovations, who provide opportunities for people with disabilities or health related challenges. Pure Innovation's clients prepare and serve fresh, homemade food and drinks in the Cafe with the help of support workers and volunteers! Come and enjoy a homemade lunch, Monday to Friday for £2, or pay it forward to gift a meal so no one goes without.



Stay & Play

On Friday mornings we host an activity group for parents and carers to stay and play with their babies and toddlers. We have refreshments, sensory activities, songs and lots of toys and fun!

mvuk.org/stayandplay



English Language Cafe

A space for people to practise their English, get help with grammar, ask for help on a particular topic and get to know others!

mvuk.org/englishcafe



After School Club

On Fridays children in school years 4 - 9 join us for games, snacks, crafts, sports and well-being topics to build friendships and confidence.

mvuk.org/422clubs



422 Pantry

Each week we support our members with £15-£20 worth of food and essentials such as basmati rice, pasta, tinned meals and sanitary items. We partner with Fareshare, but also rely on donations to make this possible! To donate visit: mvuk.org/pantry for the latest shopping list.



Community events

From family film showings with popcorn and sweets in the Hall to arts workshops and community days open to everyone, we love hosting events from 422.

Visit 422manchester.org or sign up at mvuk.org/422updates to get the latest news!





Hire spaces

Many groups hire space and host activities from 422 which allows the building to thrive as a hub, ensuring affordable prices in our Cafe and free events and programmes for our community! Chat to one of our team to arrange a viewing or visit: mvuk.org/422hire to make an enquiry.

Make a Difference

"Young people can come and enjoy a big space, in a friendly environment, staff that are so welcoming, a hall big enough for us to do lots of different types of activities including sports, drama, arts, filming, photography and celebration events! Our SHINE group love coming here every Wednesday night."

MaxContact

"MaxContact used the 422 victorian hall for our end of year celebration. We knew at the time that the building wasn't quite finished but we were so pleased to be able to support our local community hub, just a short walk from our offices. The space is impressive and would highly recommend other Manchester based businesses to support this good work. We can't wait to use it again."

KIDS

"422 is a great location for our weekly young people well-being sessions. It is very accessible, the staff are super friendly and it remains a highlight of our week."

Pure Innovations

"We have loved settling into the building and becoming part of the 422 community, our learners feel comfortable here and they have enjoyed seeing the transformation take place over the past few months. Everybody always comments on the features of keeping the traditional aspects but making it modern as well. It's a lovely place to work."

We can host a huge variety of events, activities and groups from 422.

The Hall is perfect for training, conferences, corporate events, performances, parties and community celebrations. Our ground floor rooms are ideal for hiring for smaller meetings, counseling sessions, and weekly groups. In the basement we have dedicated rooms ideal for office hire or as classrooms with access to a brand new kitchenette.



Special features

- Grand victorian hall which can host up to 230 people
- Fully equipped catering kitchen
- Welcoming Cafe room which can host 30 people
- Newly renovated basement rooms with brand new kitchenette access
- Lift access across the whole building and a car park with accessible drop off point
- Sound proofed Media Suite with high quality equipment available for hire
- Stunning mezzanine available as a private room, or unfold the bifolding windows to create a viewing platform of the Grand victorian hall for events and celebrations





“Thank you for giving me and my family something to come along to. My kids love the space and clubs on offer, it feels like home!”

Local resident

How you can get involved

Join in

Introduce someone new to 422! Bring a friend or colleague in for lunch and share with others about rooms for hire for anything from birthday parties to corporate events.

We host volunteering opportunities too, see more at:

mvuk.org/volunteerat422

Donate

You can make a general donation to support 422:

Our bank details are:

Bank: Lloyds Bank

Sort Code: 30-90-91

Account Number: 67880768

Account Name: Manchester Vineyard

Reference: 422



Support the Pantry

We rely on donations to support our Pantry members with food and essentials each week. You can get items delivered straight to 422 using our online wishlist! Just visit:

mvuk.org/pantryshop



Stay in touch

Sign up to receive our newsletter to stay in touch with the latest news, events and progress with 422.

mvuk.org/422updates

Hire a space

To enquire about hiring a space at 422, complete our online form.

mvuk.org/422hire

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