

## **NEW CENTRAL MANCHESTER AUTISM MEET-UP**

Those of you that know Salfordautism and perhaps have been to one or more of our pre-covid regular (for over 10 years!) twice-monthly open drop-in meetings in Eccles will know that we lost the use of the Training Room in Eccles Town Hall with the advent of covid, and it does not look like we will be getting it back any time soon, so we have been searching for an alternative venue

The first real offer we have had is from FanBoy3, a well-known games store in Manchester City Centre, who are letting us use their spacious downstairs gaming room.

NB: this is NOT a “games meeting” per se - the idea is for us to socialise, get to know more new friends, and shake off the isolation of the last two years! : )

So, we will be resuming our (previously) regular First Friday of the Month meeting from 12 noon to 4pm, Friday 3rd June (especially handy for those wanting to avoid The Diamond Jubilee celebrations!) and every First Friday of the Month

When: 2 – 4pm, every First Friday of the Month

Address: FanBoy3, 25 Hilton Street, Manchester M1 1EL (Google for internal and external views)

Where: near the junction of Hilton Street and Newton Street (round the corner from the Police Museum)

Travel: easy, direct, 5 min walk from both Piccadilly and Shudehill Bus/Tram Interchanges, and only 8 mins from Piccadilly Rail Station (for most people)

Parking: from £1/hr at SIP Car Park, 75 Port Street, Manchester, M1 2EG (5 mins walk); limited on street parking from £1.45/30mins nearby (max 2hr stay!)

Cost: FREE! (but you will have to pay £3 each if you want to play the shops games)

Who: Everyone, of any age, sex, gender, race, religion, who is diagnosed, self-identified, cares for someone, or just curious and can get there, is very welcome!

We will have tea/coffee/biccies as usual (free (within reason), but contributions gratefully received) and FanBoy3 has vending machines for other drinks and snacks, if you want them.

The stunning, friendly company is free! : )

Unfortunately, access is not good. There is a short but fairly wide but steep flight of 8x shallow steps up to the shop, with good handrails (if you need them), but then a major flight of steps to the downstairs room. If anyone has access issues, we will do their best to help, but it is simply not possible to provide wheelchair access at this venue.

We will continue to look for more (accessible) venues and announce them when we have them (lots of promises to date, but no actual delivery).

If anyone wants to come along but needs directions or encouragement, just call us.

We can even meet you outside if you are wary of/uncertain about coming in (call us).

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We look forward to seeing everyone - old friends and new! : )

And please – if this time / day / location does not suit you, but you would like to come, please let us know, and we will see what we can do for the future! : )