

## **Q-Step Placement Host Profile**



### **The Men's Room**

The Men's Room is a charity working to empower young men in Manchester through creative engagement and support them to make positive life changes. It took two Q-Step students on placement.

#### **Briefly describe the projects that placement students worked on with you.**

The students conducted research into topics relating to male sex work, particularly the prevalence and extent of internet and social media-mediated sex work.

#### ***What did the Q-Step students gain?***

From this research, the students gained an insight into the complex causes behind and personal stories underlying service users' chaotic lives. They also gained an understanding of the working environment in a small, frontline charity providing services to highly marginalised and difficult to engage young men.

#### ***What did your organisation gain?***

As an organisation, we gained extremely valuable data to inform operational strategic decision-making. The students also provided very useful additional capacity, and as a result we gained many new and interesting insights.

#### ***What skills did the Q-Step students bring?***

The students provided us with professional expertise, and brought curiosity and insight to their research.

#### ***What challenges, if any, did hosting a student present to you/ your organisation?***

We found that the main challenge for us was ensuring that we gave the students enough support in return for the amazing work they did for us.