



Associate Parliamentary Limb Loss Group

for the promotion within Parliament and Whitehall, of the provision of prosthetic and other rehabilitation services to all persons suffering limb loss in the UK and internationally.

John Leech MP Welcomes ‘MANFIT’



The recent launch of the ‘Patient Led’ Manchester Amputee Fitness Initiative “MANFIT” at the Manchester Disablement Services Centre has been welcomed by local MP John Leech who said *“this clearly demonstrates how ‘real’ patient involvement in the long term fulfilment of patient needs can facilitate a total solution to the long term mobility of patients. I congratulate all involved but in particular the members of the Manchester Prosthetic User Group and the caring staff*

at our Manchester Disablement Services Centre and I thank them both for what they are doing to help my constituents”.

The Manchester Prosthetic User Group in consultation with Darren Birch of the English Federation for Disability Sport and Natalie Teniola of Spaces for Sports developed and designed the fitness scheme. Funding was subsequently awarded (see photograph below) by the Manchester Impact Fund to initiate the project with the fitness sessions scheduled to take place in the brand new,

state of the art fitness suite at Manchester College of Arts and Technology 'MANCAT'.

Presentation of Funding to MANFIT

Pictured from left to right
Rob Arnold (Manchester Impact Fund);
Dr Margaret Tyson (Scheme Founder and Evaluator);
Dr Kulkarni (Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine) and
Peter King (Chairman of Manchester Prosthetic User Group).



The inaugural meeting was welcomed by patients along with the Manchester Prosthetic User Group, the Manchester Disablement Services Centre staff with physiotherapists also attending from other clinics.



pictured left
The Inaugural Meeting of MANFIT
held at Manchester Disablement Services Centre

The scheme founder and evaluator, Dr Margaret Tyson; a lower limb prosthesis wearer said ***“I would like to thank the DSC and its staff for their continual support of our user group and its initiatives. We recognise the importance of working in consultation with all the parties necessary to facilitate a total solution for the long term needs of all patients. MANFIT represents an important step forward in creating opportunities for individuals to improve and possibly maximise their mobility”***

This project is already moving forward with the possibility of a swimming group being started. For further details of MANFIT and or the swimming group please email Margaret Tyson on margaret@phds-data.co.uk.

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