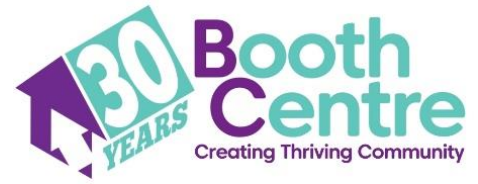


## ***Andy Burnham and the Booth Centre to Kick Homelessness out of our Community with Charity Football Match!***



The **Booth Centre** is thrilled to announce that Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, will be kicking off proceedings at the **Booth Centre vs the Rest of the World Charity Football Match** at **Broadhurst Park on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> May**, where they will be coming together to **Kick Homelessness out of Our Community** and to celebrate **30 years** of a thriving community!

As one of Manchester's longest standing homelessness organisations, providing an open-door service for thousands of people across Greater Manchester every year, the **Booth Centre** has seen a 62% increase in footfall year-on-year.

Patryk<sup>1</sup>, a valued member of the community, played for the BC Team in 2024, says "I love it. I think the Centre is the best organisation in Manchester, I've been to other services, but here you straight away come in and you feel like home. No matter what I've been going through, I come here and I'm lifted up. Playing the match was fantastic – It was special."

Jason, Inclusion Officer and Head Coach of the BC Team says, "We've got one guy who's barely said a word to anyone in years, came in yesterday asked to play, said he's a striker and all that. It's dead exciting"

Booth Centre Trustee, football journalist and podcaster, Jay Motty, says "As a journalist, fan and content creator, I've covered football matches, cup finals and trophy wins countless times over the years, but seeing the joy and excitement last year's game brought to all involved will stay with me forever. A great day for an amazing cause, I can't wait to be involved again for another epic clash!"

Upwards of 20,000 people have accessed the support of the **Booth Centre** over 30 years, many of whom have benefited from the many services provided by the Centre and gone on to build healthy and productive lives.

We are in a homelessness crisis, make no mistake. The number of people sleeping rough in England has more than doubled since 2010 – up 164% \* (Shelter – Homelessness Statistics Briefing Feb 25 <sup>1</sup>)

In Greater Manchester, 1 in 61 people is affected by homelessness in 2025, with 8,138 people either homeless or living in temporary accommodation at the last count. (Shelter – Big Number Report <sup>2</sup>)

On Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, at FC United, Broadhurst Park, the Booth Centre team will take on the Rest of the World to kick homelessness out of our community.

For tickets: [Booth Centre vs The Rest of the World \(Again\) Tickets, Thu, May 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

To find out more about the Booth Centre: [Booth Centre - Home](#) [Outcomes & Impact 2024](#)

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**<sup>2</sup> Shelter – Big Number Report 2024**

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### Notes to Editors

**<sup>1</sup>Patryk is available for interview.**

About the Booth Centre - 2025 sees the 30th anniversary of our thriving **Booth Centre** community, here in Manchester. We exist in partnership, to raise the voices of all who have been impacted by homelessness and poverty, to celebrate their successes.

We are multicultural and representative of our society, welcoming everyone with a person-centred approach, and valuing the individual however they choose to identify. We are stronger together – we are a community.

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