

Are you great at cooking, but helpless at DIY? Happy to do a bit of babysitting, but need the odd lift into town? Hate cleaning, but love gardening?

Manchester LETS (Local Exchange Trading Scheme) is a community network that allows people to swap goods and services. It means that people can help other members of their community and get help from the community in return.

You can earn units of an alternative currency, the M, by doing something for someone else, like washing their car. You can then spend those Ms on something you need, like help writing an official letter, or cooking for a party. Earning and spending Ms means that you don't have to find someone to do a direct swap with—you can be paid Ms by one person and pay them to another.

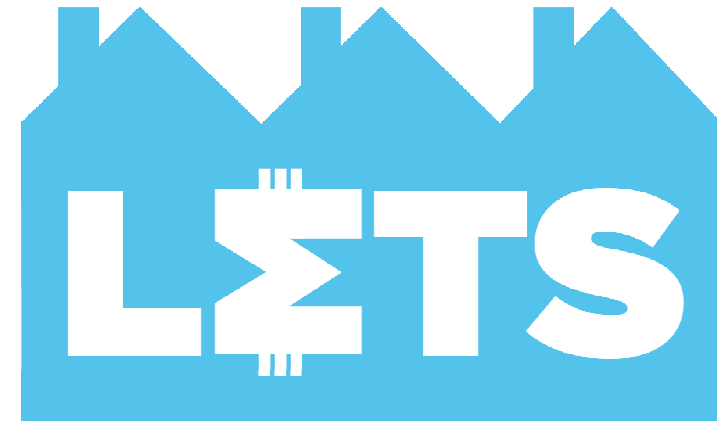
Volunteering with Manchester LETS

Manchester LETS always needs people to volunteer, doing jobs such as publicising the scheme, running the website, coming to organising meetings and so on. Some of these tasks can earn you Ms too! Please contact info@manchesterlets.org for more information.

Contacting Us

The easiest way to find out more about Manchester LETS is through our website: www.manchesterlets.org

You can also email info@manchesterlets.org, or phone 07906700114 and speak to Sarah.



An introduction to Manchester LETS

www.manchesterlets.org



F.A.Q.s

Why is using the M better than using money?

The M has many advantages. Using it enables people to help each other and be helped, without needing any money. It is useful for people on low incomes, helps people excluded from the job market and lets people get something in exchange for services which they might not want to offer professionally (e.g. cooking). It helps to foster a sense of community, and Ms stay local, benefitting other local people.

Do I need to earn Ms before I can spend them?

No, you can have a negative balance, so you can spend some Ms before you earn any. Having a balance of less than 0Ms is called being in commitment, and it means you commit to earning those Ms in the future.

How do I find people to trade with?

You can set up an online account and make and view offers on our website (www.manchesterlets.org). Help is available for those without access to the internet.

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So how does it work?

				Mr Green	Mrs White	Alan	Rowan	Total
Mr Green	gardens for Mrs White	Mrs White	pays Mr Green M6	+M6	-M6	0	0	0
Rowan	drives Mrs White into town	Mrs White	pays Rowan M3	+M6	-M9	0	+M3	0
Mrs White	gives Alan tax advice	Alan	pays Mrs White M12	+M6	+M3	-M12	+M3	0
Alan	gives Rowan a guitar lesson	Rowan	pays Alan M9	+M6	+M3	-M3	-M6	0