

# IMPACT REPORT

BINOH of Manchester

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**BINOH of Manchester is a registered charity which has been working since 1985 to support members of the Jewish community of Salford to develop initiatives for training, education, health and life needs from the starting point of the special needs child in the family.**

**Every person is precious and each responds to challenges in their own way, the secret is to find the key that will unlock their interests.**



**1.** COMPASS is our sister organisation doing Special Education Advice & Support to approximately 20 of the independent schools in Salford. The support involves training courses for staff and putting in processes to help the schools better assist their SEN pupils.

**2.** We run a Family Advocacy Service to ensure that children get the best support available through the new legal procedures following the new Educational, Health and Social Care Plan instigated in 2014 as parents have struggled to navigate the process.

**3.** Through our support program the SENCOs in the school our children attend have created their own support network due to common challenges.

**“BINOH has continued to provide a much needed service to our hard to reach community whose members are being empowered to access their entitlements.”**

**4.** Through our Family Advice Service we have discovered that several parents who come to us are not receiving their state benefits or entitlements, so we have been able to assist them to access these.

**5.** Following the 2014 Educational, Health & Social Care Plan parents have struggled to navigate the process. We support them to achieve good outcomes for their SEN children through our Family Advocacy Service.

**“Thank you for choosing me to talk about this wonderful organisation. There are so many schools and groups who have blossomed from their support”**

**6.** We have helped over 150 families who have a child with learning difficulties and/or behavioural difficulties. Often one issue impacts on another, so the support offered tackles all sides of an issue. This support includes respite care, buddy support programmes and programmes to see how people can make best use of statutory services available.

**7.** In the context of the cuts we are currently experiencing we believe the Local Authority and school staff do not have an effective way to implement the Health and Social Care services. We intend to find a way with them to help implementation it on practical level that improves the education experience for the SEN children we know.