

Cost

School groups We charge £3 per pupil for up to 1.5 hours, with a minimum of £35 per group. Please ask in advance if you need to pay less.

Student teachers We charge £2 per student per hour, or a minimum of £35 per group.

Please make payment to Clear Vision, not the Buddhist Centre. We will invoice you.

Preparing for your visit

The Manchester Buddhist Centre is open Monday-Friday, 10-7 (Sat 10-5); closed Bank Holidays. You are welcome to drop in any time.

Please book by email: education@clear-vision.org.

If you cancel with less than 7 days' notice, we will charge you £37.50.

"Thank you for the professional and friendly way in which you shared with our pupils the Buddhist vision of life, in what was an engaging, welcoming and reassuring environment... They were clearly impressed and... enriched."

Contacting us

The Clear Vision Trust
Group visit bookings & educational enquiries
0161 839 9579
education@clear-vision.org
www.clear-vision.org

Manchester Buddhist Centre
General information
0161 834 9232
www.manchesterbuddhistcentre.org.uk
Address for both
16-20 Turner Street, Manchester M4 1DZ

Why we charge

Some Buddhist places of worship are run by monks and nuns, supported financially by lay Buddhists. This means they can rely on donations. In our tradition the ordained Buddhists are non-monastic so they have to earn a living.

For many years we preferred to invite donations for guided group visits. Average donations were less than £1 per head and costs mounted. Eventually we decided to charge. (There is no charge to visit individually.) We pay school-visit-teachers who are practising Buddhists and educationally skilled. We aim to ensure a high standard of teaching, a reliable service and provide our teachers with a very modest ethical income.

Where necessary, we are very happy to agree a lower rate, in advance.



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Group visits to Manchester Buddhist Centre



Manchester Buddhist Centre welcomes booked visits from educational and community groups of all ages. 1,500 students visit us each year, from primary and secondary schools, universities and colleges. We also welcome teacher-training groups and other community and faith groups.

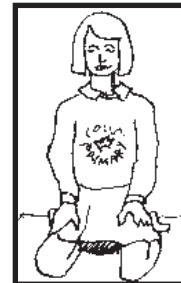
A derelict Victorian warehouse beautifully converted by Buddhist volunteers, the Centre opened in 1996 and is at the heart of a thriving Buddhist community. It houses a resident community, as well as the very popular Bodywise Natural Health Centre and Earth Vegetarian Cafe. It's also home to the Clear Vision Trust, a charity making award-winning Buddhist teaching materials for the classroom and providing INSET for teachers.



Your visit

Our one-and-a-half-hour visits are tailored to your requirements. A typical visit would feature:

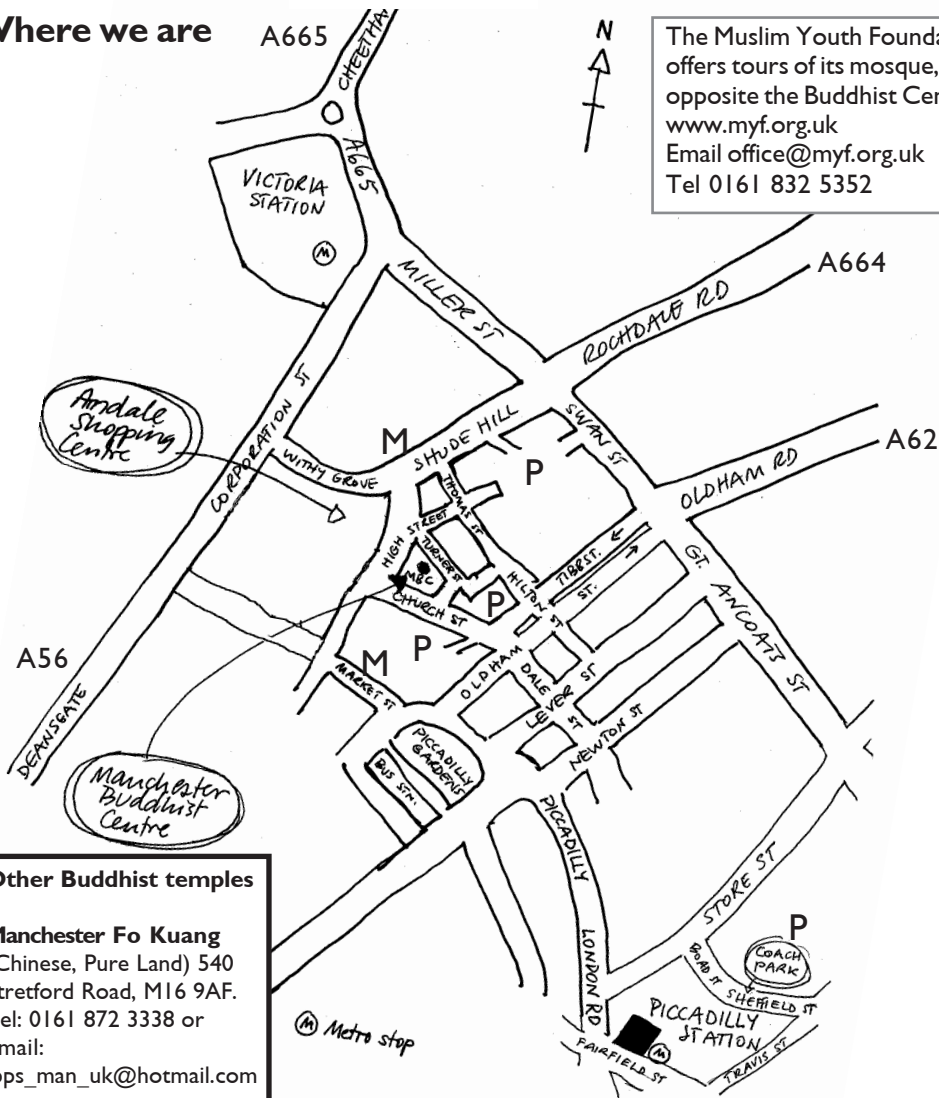
- an experienced Buddhist guide
- an introduction to the Centre and its activities
- in the shrine room, lively discussion of the Buddha's life and teachings
- guided meditation or "stilling" exercise (optional)
- preparation and follow-up worksheets for KS2&3
- a visit to our gift shop (optional)



Group sizes

Maximum group size 45

Where we are



The Muslim Youth Foundation offers tours of its mosque, right opposite the Buddhist Centre.
www.myf.org.uk
Email office@myf.org.uk
Tel 0161 832 5352

Other Buddhist temples

Manchester Fo Kuang
(Chinese, Pure Land) 540
Stretford Road, M16 9AF.
Tel: 0161 872 3338 or
email:
ibps_man_uk@hotmail.com

Vairochana Buddhist Centre (Tibetan, NKT)
76 High Lane, Manchester
M21 9X Tel: 0161 861 7012
or email:
kadampa@meditation-in-manchester.org or see
www.meditation-in-manchester.org/School_Visits.htm
For more places, see back page.

Transport, one-way system & parking

Piccadilly and Victoria rail stations, Piccadilly Gardens bus station and Shude Hill or Market Street Metro stops (M) are within walking distance. **Please note: traffic enters Turner Street from Shude Hill via Thomas Street and High Street; Turner Street is narrow and one-way.** Cars and minibuses may park in the car park on Church Street. There is a coach park in Sheffield Street, behind Piccadilly Station. **Coach setting-down point is the corner of Turner and High Streets.**

"...we meditated for about 10 minutes. It was fantastic... the longest time I've ever stayed still and quiet."
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"The Centre made a deep impression on the students - as I knew it would. I suspect the ripples will continue into their adult lives."
Teacher,
GCSE group

Who we are

Manchester Buddhist Centre is run by the **Friends of the Western Buddhist Order (FWBO)**, a worldwide movement founded by Sangharakshita, an English Buddhist. After 20 years as a monk in India he returned to Britain in 1967 and set up the FWBO. Among the many forms of Buddhism practised in Britain today, the FWBO is characterised by its attempt to develop a modern Western expression of the Buddha's teachings.

The Clear Vision Trust (email: education@clear-vision.org) is a charity associated with the FWBO. It runs the school visits service for the MBC, makes DVD packs on Buddhism for KS1-5 and supplies books, posters, artefacts and INSET to support teaching of Buddhism up to A Level. www.clear-vision.org

Photographs

You are welcome to take photographs.

Dress

There are no clothing restrictions, but we invite you to remove your shoes to enter the shrine room.

Refreshments

We do not have a lunch area. (However, the Chinese Buddhist Centre does. See opposite.) Groups of up to about 15 may use Earth cafe. **Please book!**
0161 834 1996.

Special needs

We welcome visitors with special needs of any kind.

There is a disabled-accessible toilet on the ground floor and internal lift access to all floors.

However, pending funding, there is no alternative to the six steps up to the front door, with handrails both sides.

Both shrine rooms are equipped with loop systems for hearing-aid-users. In the Sense UK Awards 2005 the MBC was commended for its services to the deafblind community.

Disabled parking: there are spaces in Turner Street and in Brick Street, both facing the MBC front door.