

NUJ Manchester Branch

SAVE CITY LIFE!

What people are saying:

"City Life has been integral to the city's culture for as long as I can remember"

John Tatlock

"The centrality of the service sector, particularly restaurants, theatre, the arts for the prosperity of Manchester requires the survival of City Life"

Professor Lou Kushnick

"It's a great magazine and has everything I need as a city dweller."

Steve Kelly

"If fewer people know about the shows, fewer will go and there will be fewer shows and ultimately fewer venues."

Helen Wall

"I genuinely believe that the loss of City Life would be a cultural loss to the city itself in the same way that Londoners would be lost without Time Out"

Maureen McCann

"Rather than close City Life at a time when Manchester has never been so vibrant, GMG should be investing in this publication to ensure that it profits from Manchester's continuing regeneration."

Stephen Newton

"DON'T LET CITY LIFE DIE! IT HAS BEEN THE SCRAPBOOK OF OUR ENTIRE LIVES IN CREATIVE MANCHESTER."

Andy Votel (Badly Drawn Boy/Twisted Nerve)

"Here at Cornerhouse, we would like to confirm our support of City Life - the magazine is stocked in our shop and is most definitely used by our customers to find out about what is happening here"

Sue Fletcher of Cornerhouse

City Life - a Manchester entertainment magazine that started life as a workers' co-operative - is in serious danger of being closed by Guardian Media.

Cost-cutting bosses want to shut the paper on December 7th and axe all the newspaper's staff - many of whom are members of the National Union of Journalists.

Much of Manchester's economy is based on the leisure industry so it takes particularly bad management to want to close the city's premier listings and entertainment magazine. It is also unfair if the journalists - who only earn around £16,000pa - take the blame for this failure.

City Life is such a part of Manchester culture that it was mentioned on Coronation Street last week!

If you read the Guardian or any of GMG's other products please point out that you expect this company, in particular, to treat its staff and readers with respect!

We have to act now to save the magazine – if you don't protest now, it will be too late soon enough.

Please e-mail your protests straight away to <u>mark.dodson@men-news.co.uk</u> and spread the word. <u>Remember, this is a race against time!</u>

What YOU can do:

*E-mail your protests to mark.dodson@men-news.co.uk and copy them to nujmanchester@nuj.org.uk

- Spread the word copy this flier and e-mail your friends. The more people who protest, the better even a few lines will make a big difference.
- Make sure you make a special effort to buy City
 Life and advertise in it if possible, over the next
 few weeks. Make sure the management know that
 you still want it, in spite of them!

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