

Policy Week 2014

Addressing Inequalities

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Our researchers are making a difference to the world around us, studying different aspects of our society and helping influence and improve the way things are done.

Now in its third year, Manchester Policy Week brings them together with those involved in shaping and implementing policy – as well as those at the receiving end – to debate the pressing issues of our time.

We have one of the largest and – we would argue – best concentrations of academics doing policy-relevant research in the UK and internationally. The week provides us with an opportunity to showcase and share our great breadth and depth of expertise.

Policy Week is flagship initiative of **policy@manchester**, which is informing the development of public policy in a wide range of areas by mobilising our tremendous knowledge in research and teaching.

For the first time we have a theme – Addressing Inequalities – and the week marks the launch of the University's Social Responsibility Signature Programme of the same name.

The ambition of this programme is to highlight and bring together some of Manchester's most significant research that addresses issues of equality and fairness; on health, work, poverty, class, diversity, education, natural resources, conflict and climate change.

We hope you will join us for a packed and exciting week of events, featuring leading movers, shakers and shapers from the public policy world. Look out for our keynote events and special themed days, covering inequality in health, education and our cities.

And remember; all our events are free – although we do ask you to register online in advance so we can plan and deliver all our events to a high standard.

We very much look forward to seeing you – and hearing your contributions – in November.

Professor Colin Talbot
Director, policy@manchester



“ It's great to see this innovative idea of having a series of events which demonstrate the contribution that The University of Manchester makes to the development of public policy ”

Ivan Lewis MP, speaking at Policy Week 2013



Monday 3 November

10am-12am

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Inclusion in Policy and Practice

Organised by policy@manchester and the New Researchers Network

Postgraduate and postdoctoral researchers lead debates on the topics of inclusive policy, growth and development. This event is aimed at all research students and post doctoral researchers interested in policy issues.

1pm-2.30pm

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Ethnicity and inequalities in education

Organised by Social Sciences

Hear and debate the findings from three recent projects looking at; job outcomes of ethnic minority graduates at top universities, the effect of ethnicity on the degrees of Manchester students, and ethnicity and STEM-related (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subject choices and outcomes among secondary school students. The panel will include Patrick Johnson, Head of Equality and Diversity at the University, Manchester's lead senior academic in this area, Prof Aneez Esmail, and representatives from organisations like Runnymede.

3pm-5pm

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Employment inequalities – low paid and precarious work

Organised by EWERC and FairWRC
Chaired by Professor Jill Rubery

Differences in the quality of work are a major contributor to inequality in the UK. In this session, practitioners and policy experts will debate two major challenges – the growing number of workers in low-wage jobs and young people's limited access to regular and stable jobs.

3pm-3.20pm

New challenges for employment inequalities

Prof Brian Nolan – Oxford University Inequalities Institute

3.20pm-4.05pm

How can a higher national minimum wage help to reduce inequalities?

Stephen Overell, New Economy; Alice Teague, Equalities and Human Rights Commission; Conor Darcy, Resolution Foundation; Damian Grimshaw, EWERC and FairWRC

4.05pm-4.50pm

Precarious work among young people: What can be done?

Katerina Rudiger, CIPD; James Plunkett, Young Foundation; Miguel Martinez Lucio and Stephen Mustchin, EWERC and FairWRC; Carl Roper, TUC

6.45pm-7.30pm

Location TBC

Manchester Policy Week Opening Address by the Rt Hon. the Lord Heseltine

Organised by policy@manchester, BIS NW and New Economy

Hear former MP and government minister Lord Heseltine deliver the opening address for this year's Policy Week. He will be welcomed by Sean Harriss, Chief Executive of Bolton Council and lead local authority Chief Executive for Public Service Reform, and Prof James Thompson, Associate Vice-President for Social Responsibility.

Tuesday 4 November

Themed Day: Education Policy and Educational Inequalities

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Organised by the Manchester Institute of Education (MIE)

All the major political parties in England are currently committed to reducing educational inequalities. In recent years, the nature of policy intervention has shifted from Labour's centrally-designed and often multi-agency programmes, to school-led interventions, targeting individuals and funded by the Pupil Premium. In both versions, socio-economic inequalities have been prioritised and inequality measured in terms of gaps in test scores. This wide-ranging conference will take a broader view of the problem of educational inequalities, looking beyond school and beyond the socio-economic dimension. Delegates may attend for the whole day or attend for individual sessions.

9.30am

Registration and coffee

10am-10.30am

Keynote address: What no Education Secretary wants to hear: uncomfortable propositions about policy and inequalities
Prof Ruth Lupton

10.45am-12.15pm Parallel Sessions

- **Poverty and education**
- **Informational inequalities: do they exist and are they a problem for Manchester?** (Chaired by Dr Andrew Whitworth)

12.15-1.15pm. Lunch and outputs from **Children's Policy Workshop**

- See the outcome of an exciting and innovative workshop involving local school pupils, as they decide how their knowledge at KS2 should be assessed.
- Manchester musician Jah Wobble will also offer a 20 min personal perspective on socio-economic disadvantage, with a chance to ask questions.

1.15pm - 2.45pm Parallel Sessions

- **What is wellbeing and does it matter?**
- **Critical education poverty**
- **Inequalities in education** (Note: starts at 2pm at Manchester Central Library, organised by the Centre of Dynamics in Ethnicity (CoDE))

3pm - 4.30pm Parallel Sessions

- **Schools, communities and educational inequalities:** does policy help or hinder? Speakers include Lynne Heath (principal) and Patsy Hodson, Manchester Communication Academy, Carol Powell (Principal), Gorton Mount Primary Academy, Phil Mellen (Principal), Stanley Grove Primary Academy, Prof Alan Dyson and Sue Goldrick.
- **The role of educational research into policy**
- **Inequalities in education** (Note: starts at 2pm at Manchester Central Library, organised by the Centre of Dynamics in Ethnicity (CoDE))

4.30pm-5pm

Tea break

5pm - 6.30pm

**Manchester Education Debate
Closing socio-economic attainment gaps**

7pm-9pm

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The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership: Cash Bonanza or Risky Deal?

Organised by Politics

The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (or TTIP) has provoked intense public debate in the UK and further afield. Advocates claim that it will significantly boost growth, while critics argue that it will lead to the erosion of hard-fought social and environmental protections. But who is right when it comes to TTIP? Speakers include Clive George (Author of The Truth About Trade), David Henig (Department of Business, Innovation and Skills), Polly Jones (World Development Movement).

Wednesday 5 November

Themed Day: Health inequalities showcase – impact and outcomes across the life course.

Organised by the Faculty of Medical and Human Sciences, supported by MICRA (Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing)

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9.30am-4.30pm (with lunch)

This showcase event will highlight some of the major issues surrounding the impact of health inequalities on children, young people and families, the working age population and older people. Speakers will highlight recent findings from researchers at the University of Manchester and elsewhere as well as some of the current challenges facing decision-makers.

This event will be of interest to researchers, NHS staff, policy makers and staff from third sector organisations as well as public health staff in our local Greater Manchester councils.

2.30pm-3.45pm

Location TBC

Secrecy, Accountability and Inequality in the UK Governance Process: A Tale of Two Cultures

Organised by Politics

Exploring the tensions caused between the traditional elitist narratives of accountability and transparency associated with the British political tradition and the challenges presented by a new, more open digital society. With Prof David Richards, Prof Martin Smith, (University of York) and Dan Lyons (University of Sheffield and Centre for Animals and Social Justice).

5.30pm-7.30pm

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50 years of inequality – what have we learnt?

Organised by Sociology

After 50 years of affluence and the welfare state, how has inequality changed – and what lessons can we learn from the past? Key experts on social class, forced migration, race, gender, and sexuality consider the ongoing challenges we face in tackling inequality. Bringing together academics and policy experts, speakers include Prof Alice Bloch, Prof Colette Fagan, Prof Brian Heaphy, Prof James Nazroo and Dr Andy Miles, and representatives from Migration Watch, Runnymede Trust and the Equality and Human Rights Commission. The event is part of the celebrations to mark 50 years of Sociology at Manchester.



Thursday 6 November

Themed Day: Urban inequalities

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Organised by cities@manchester, the Centre for Urban Policy Studies (CUPS) and Brooks World Poverty Institute.

10am-11.30am

The Greater Manchester Poverty Index and a critique of the indices of multiple deprivation (IMD)

Working with the Greater Manchester Poverty Action Group, we have produced a set of indicators for the city, creating a definitive mapping and statistical online resource for policy makers and practitioners. This session launches the Greater Manchester Poverty Indicators website. The need of a bespoke index is related to the latest analysis and critique of the official Index of Multiple Deprivation.

11.30am-1.00pm

Lunch and Picture a poverty free city

During the lunch break Brooks World Poverty Institute and cities@manchester will bring together academics from a range of disciplines to explore what a city free from poverty looks like through the lens of their individual research areas. The series of short talks will be illustrated live, producing a composite large-scale depiction over the day.

1.00pm - 2.30pm

Inequality and housing – urban perspectives

This session focuses on inequality in housing - a central social, political, and economic issue for academics and decision makers today. We will hear from **Professor Danny Dorling, author of 'The Great Housing Disaster'**, and a number of panellists who will contribute to the housing debate from an urban perspective.

2.30pm-3.30pm

Picture a poverty free city

3:30pm-5.00pm

Let's live in a society, not an economy

In conjunction with the Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES)

The financial crash of 2008 and the subsequent recession, cast a torch onto our economy. Questions about who the economy serves and how it works within the limits of the environment are growing. As Britain returns to economic growth, this 'question time' style debate will explore ideas about how we could make an economy which works better for local places, people and the planet. Come with your questions.

5pm-6.30pm

Picture a poverty free city

6.30pm-8pm

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London vs the rest: can our northern cities compete?

Organised by policy@manchester and IPPR North

The city of London is the dominant force in British politics and drives the UK economy. Every year, new graduates flock south and billions of pounds are spent investing in its economy. But is this spending disproportionately skewed towards the south? And how can our northern cities compete? The panel includes Ed Cox (Director, IPPR North) and Prof Cecilia Wong.

Friday 7 November

9.45am-11.15am

Friends Meeting House

Women in Whitehall: the impact of austerity on the representation of women in the senior civil service

Organised by Politics

Whitehall is emerging from a period of unprecedented change and reform. The size and scope of the UK civil service had undergone a dramatic transformation following the austerity cuts. This event brings together academics and practitioners to explore some the implications of austerity for women officials in the senior civil service.

10am-11.30am

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Poisoning the world's poor: how can we reduce their exposure to arsenic in water & food?

Organised by The School of Earth, Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences

Over one hundred million of the world's poorer people, notably in Bangladesh and India, are exposed to arsenic. They ingest arsenic through drinking water obtained from contaminated wells - and also by eating rice, which naturally concentrates arsenic. Have we inadvertently contributed to this situation? What can and should UK individuals, government and non-governmental aid organisations do to help? How does this issue impact us in the UK?

11.30am-1pm

Friends Meeting House

A seat at the table is not enough: national and international perspectives on gender

Organised by Brooks World Poverty Institute

Join Prof Dame Nancy Rothwell (President and Vice Chancellor), as she chairs a lively panel discussion on how gender issues can be addressed in politics, development, and policy making. A diverse panel will discuss whether it is enough for women to have a seat at the table to achieve equality, how gender issues are affected by the informal, how power operates, and norms affect behaviour. Panellists include Prof Georgina Waylen, Daisy Cooper MP (Lib Dem), Jacqui Gavin (Chair, A:gender - National Civil Service Diversity Network for Gender Identity), and Prof Sohela Nazneen (Professor of International Relations at University of Dhaka).

1.30pm-3pm

Friends Meeting House

The big debate : What should we do about inequality?

Organised by policy@manchester

Inequality has emerged as a key issue over the past few years. Most analysts suggest that inequality has risen – with economic, health, education, ethnic, and gender inequalities all being hotly debated. But what, if anything, should we be doing about these issues? **With Newsnight presenter Evan Davis in the Chair, this session brings together Lucy Powell MP (Shadow Minister for Childcare), Marina Yannakoudakis MEP (Con), Lisa Smart (Liberal Democrat PPC) and Prof Kate Pickett (Professor, Inequalities in Health) to discuss the options.**

3.30pm-5pm

Friends Meeting House

They spend it all on booze and fags: debunking misconceptions of welfare spending in the UK and abroad.

Organised by Brooks World Poverty Institute

In the UK and countries around the world, cash transfer programmes, welfare and benefit systems are viewed with an amount of suspicion, due to the misconception that people living in poverty won't spend the money they receive wisely. Extensive research has proven otherwise. Join us for a discussion of national and international perspectives on the truth about welfare. Panel includes Prof David Hulme, Alison McGovern MP (Shadow Minister for International Development), Deven Ghelani (Centre for Social Justice, Welfare Reform Club and Policy in Practice) and Sarah Whitehead (citizen activist).





Policy Week Plus Events

The House of Lords, Communication and the Media

7pm-8.30pm, Thursday 16 October

University Place, Lecture Theatre B

Organised by policy@manchester, The House of Lords and Parliamentary Outreach

Join the Lord Speaker Baroness D'Souza as she discusses the way in which the House of Lords scrutinises issues relating to the media and communications in the UK. Find out how members' expertise is put to use in the scrutiny of the government's work and proposed legislation. Includes a panel discussion with Professor of Law, Tom Gibbons, chaired by BBC North West's political editor Arif Ansari.

Policy Challenges: Securing the state after Snowden

10.45am, Tuesday 21 October

Organised by policy@manchester

How should services operate – and what was the Snowden Affair really about? Speakers will be Sir David Omand, former director of GCHQ and Edward Lucas, author of The Snowden Operation and a senior editor on The Economist.

Police and crime commissioners – a midterm review

**10am-11.30am, Wednesday 12 November
Room 2.016, Arthur Lewis Building**

Organised by Politics and policy@manchester
Police and Crime Commissioner for Greater Manchester Tony Lloyd discusses his work and the challenges ahead, two years on from being elected. Chaired by Prof Francesca Gains.

Teddy Chester Lecture

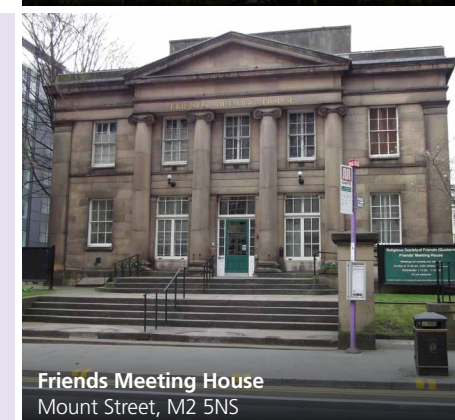
6pm, Monday 17 November

Organised by Manchester Business School

This year's lecture will be given by Stephen Dorrell MP, Secretary of State for Health from 1995 to 1997, and former Chair of the Health Select Committee.

Policy Week venues

Nowgen, which is at the southern end of our Oxford Road campus, will be our main venue for Policy Week events this year. We shall also be using the Friends Meeting House in central Manchester for some of our bigger debates.



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