The university currently has a number of ‘groups’ under the Staff Network banner which are facilitated by equality and diversity, staff learning and development or are self-facilitated. There are benefits to both the individual and the organisation of having strong, functioning staff network groups.

**What the Staff Networks Have Achieved**

- **A total of 3000 members across the networks**
- **Over 5000 visits to staff network group pages in 2017**
- **3 meetings network group members can attend per year**
- **Over 30 meetings a year**
- **14 different networks**
  - Lesbian, gay bisexual, transgender staff network (AlloU)
  - Disabled staff network
  - Black Asian minority ethnic staff network
  - Retirement peer support
  - Returning from maternity, paternity or adoption leave support
  - Women in biology, medicine & health
  - Christian staff network group
  - International staff network group
  - PA network
  - Staff with caring responsibilities peer support
  - Team (Technical Excellence at Manchester)
  - Women in cancer
  - Women professors network
  - Catholic staff

**Collaborative Events with Other Organisations**

- Black history month
- Time to change - mental health
- International day of disabled people (IDDP)
- LGBT history month
- Manchester pride

**Individual Webpages for Each Network Group**

- More than 100 awareness raising events since 2010