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The University of Manchester

MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

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Social responsibility is one of our University's three core goals, as important as our commitment to world-leading research and outstanding teaching and learning. The priority we place on social responsibility makes us unique among British universities.

The University of Manchester is ranked best in Europe and third in the world by *Times Higher Education* for performance against the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER:

MAKING IT HAPPEN

From our beginnings as England's first civic university we've sought to break down boundaries and improve lives. We opened up education to the working classes and removed religious tests for entry in the 19th century.

Christabel Pankhurst studied here before campaigning for the suffragettes. We employed Sir William Arthur Lewis, economics pioneer and the UK's first black professor. And our first female academic, Marie Stopes, advocated birth control for women.

Now our research is tackling some of the world's biggest challenges including health care, sustainability and social inequalities. Through our unique Stellify initiative, our students are contributing to key ethical issues and supported to become the responsible leaders of tomorrow.

Our social and environmental impact is ranked best in Europe and third in the world by *Times Higher Education*, with our commitment to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) showcased in our local, national and global work.



Christabel Pankhurst Sir William Arthur Lewis Marie Stopes

Here are three snapshots of our projects that are working towards the SDGs, creating opportunities and making a difference.

LOCAL

THE WORKS



Like many cities, Manchester has a high proportion of people who face barriers in finding employment.

The Works is a unique unemployment initiative set up by our University in 2011 to help people back into work.

Established in partnership with local not-for-profit agency The Growth Company, The Works offers a one-stop employment service providing support to local unemployed people, as well as delivering pre-recruitment training and job matches to local businesses – including the University, one of the city's largest employers.



The University not only gave me training with a job at the end, it's actually going to change my life.

John Jackson had been unemployed for more than a year and living in the Manchester homeless community. The Works helped him find work as a building attendant at the University.

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NATIONAL

SCHOOL GOVERNOR INITIATIVE



All young people should have the chance to realise their full potential.

Our School Governor Initiative is levelling the playing field by encouraging our community of staff and alumni to join governing bodies to help raise standards.

We have supported more state schools with new governors than any other UK university. This initiative helps raise education standards, creates stronger links with local communities and opens up a range of higher education opportunities to schoolchildren.



University governors have an academic perspective that is slightly different from ours; that perspective of knowing education, but not being in our particular part of it, helps to keep our minds more open.

Dr Jo MacKinnon is the headteacher at Levenshulme High School, which benefits from the support of our governors.

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INTERNATIONAL

EQUITY AND MERIT



Tackling our world's biggest challenges requires global thinking.

Our Equity and Merit programme gives academically gifted professionals from Uganda, Rwanda, Ethiopia and Tanzania access to a master's level education that will help them transform lives back home.

Supported by a scholarship that's jointly funded by the University and the generosity of donors, they enrich our international community, bring new perspectives and graduate ready to take the lead in the sustainable development of their countries.

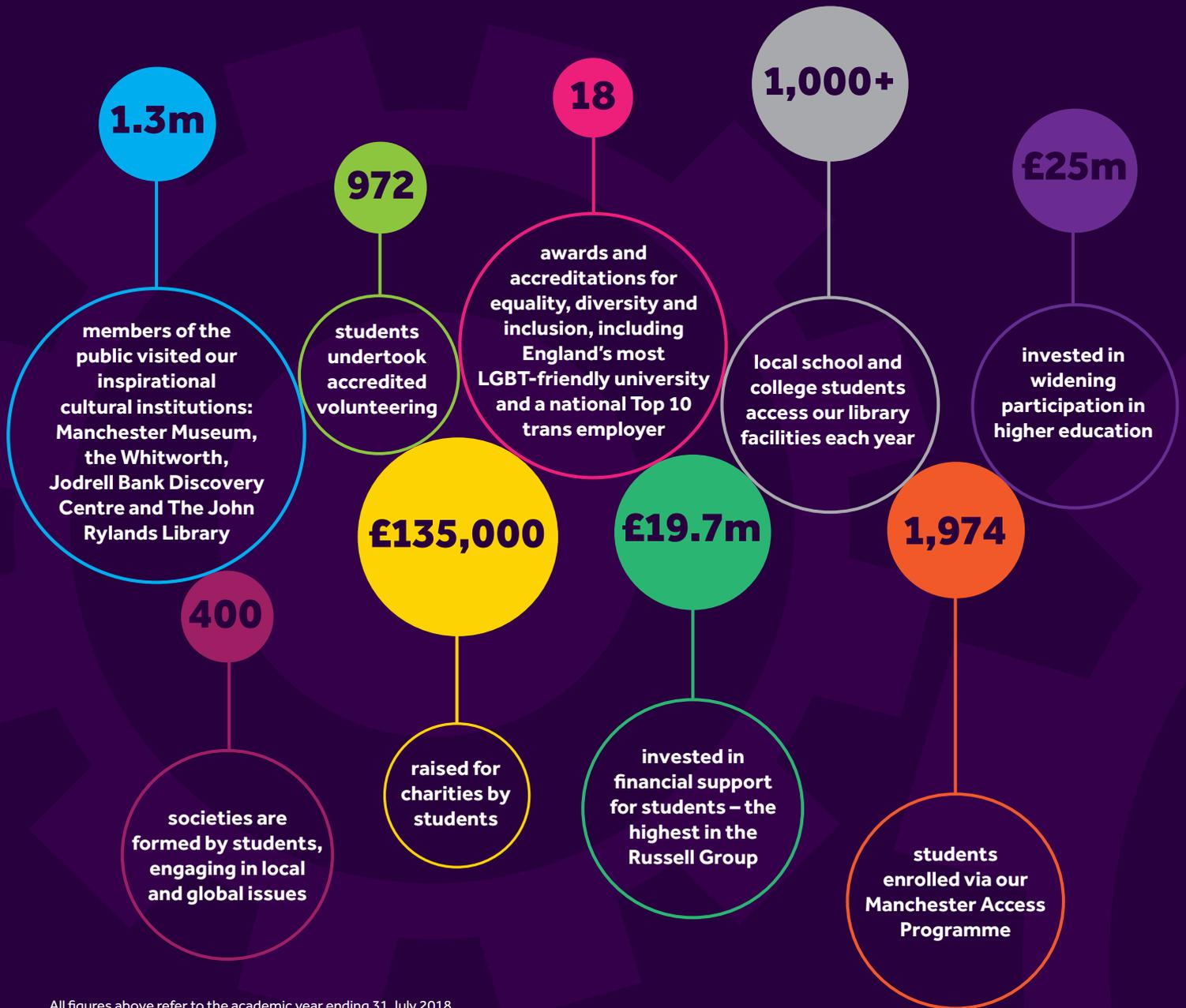


Using the knowledge I gained at Manchester has helped me to be the person that can kick-start solving things. I've learnt that one person can make a big difference. I no longer see problems; I see challenges.

Kenneth Kahuma from Uganda was awarded a scholarship to study MSc Electrical Power Systems Engineering and used his expertise to install a hybrid solar and thermal power station back home.

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SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: AT A GLANCE



All figures above refer to the academic year ending 31 July 2018.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AWARDS AND RECOGNITION: EXAMPLES

- Gold Watermark for Public Engagement, National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement
- 1st in Europe and 3rd in the world in the *Times Higher Education* University Impact Rankings
- Top among English universities in Stonewall's Workplace Equality Index
- Queen's Award for Voluntary Service for the School Governor Initiative
- *Times Higher Education* Awards for the School Governor Initiative and The Works
- *Guardian* Sustainable Business Award for The Works
- Green Gown Award for 10,000 Actions and the Ethical Grand Challenges Sustainability Challenge
- Carbon Literacy Organisation Award



MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH US

If you share our commitment to social responsibility and would like further information about making a difference with us, here's how you can find out more. Visit our website: www.manchester.ac.uk/creating-opportunities



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