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.

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SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: AT A GLANCE

1.3m
members of the public visited our inspirational cultural institutions: Manchester Museum, the Whitworth, Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre and The John Rylands Library

972
students undertook accredited volunteering

18
awards and accreditations for equality, diversity and inclusion, including England’s most LGBT-friendly university and a national Top 10 trains employer

1,000+
local school and college students access our library facilities each year

£25m
invested in widening participation in higher education

£135,000
students enrolled via our Manchester Access Programme

£19.7m
invested in financial support for students – the highest in the Russell Group

1,974
students raised for charities by students

400
societies are formed by students, engaging in local and global issues

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 Queen Award for 10,000 Actions and the Ethical Grand Challenges Sustainability Challenge
- Carbon Literacy Organisation Award

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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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