

"ASTONISHINGLY PROVOCATIVE - SO MANY FRESH THOUGHTS AND IDEAS."

14 February 2015

We reopened after a £15m redevelopment. Doubled in size. Embracing the park. Embracing our communities. Showing more of our collection. Conserving art for future generations. New art, old art, everything in between.

14 February 2020

Five years on, what have we done?

Over 1.8m people have visited, 375,000 joined in and 80,000 school children have made and learned. 1,000 volunteers have contributed, aged from 12 weeks to 80 years (through our Family Volunteering Programme). Over 2,500 events have been enjoyed and 99 exhibitions staged, many of them critically acclaimed. In between has been a programme of research, international partnerships, conservation, and the loan of 818 artworks from our collection.

Outside, 200,000 bulbs have been planted, and 18,000 plants, 300 bushes and 500 trees dug in. Whitworth Young Contemporaries have put on 25 showcase events and 6 conferences.

And 24 people got married at the gallery.

It's been a busy and a beautiful half decade. A heartfelt thank you to our friends, family, funders, partners, sponsors and supporters. Thank you to our communities, volunteers and staff, and to The University of Manchester of which we are a proud part.