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INEQUALITIES IN OUR CITY REGION

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Making a difference, addressing inequalities

As part of our core goal of social responsibility, The University of Manchester is committed to making a difference to the social, economic, cultural and environmental well-being of our city region.

Greater Manchester is the biggest city economy outside London, yet is also a region with deep inequalities in opportunities and outcomes across areas such as education, health, work and place.

The University has established a new initiative, *Just Greater Manchester*, to bring together our work on addressing inequalities and making a difference in our city region.



RESEARCH ADDRESSING INEQUALITIES

Our research is addressing the causes and consequences of inequalities in our city region of Greater Manchester.

We are focusing on inequalities in outcomes, policies, practices and processes in Greater Manchester across four key initial areas:

- Education
- Health
- Work
- Space/place

Across these areas we are engaging with individuals, communities, policy makers and organisations to exchange knowledge on the ways that different inequalities can be caused and addressed.

COMMUNITY-BASED TEACHING

Our practice-based degree courses such as medicine, nursing, teaching and social work make a significant contribution to the city region. We deliver teaching modules, projects and dissertations in partnership with local organisations. And we embed leadership and volunteering into teaching and learning through initiatives such as our Manchester Leadership Programme.



SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

We work in partnership with local schools and colleges to enhance fair educational opportunities through widening participation outreach and access programmes with learners, teachers, parents and advisors. We are also researching educational outcomes, policies and practices, training the next generation of teachers and contributing to the strategic direction of state schools and colleges through our award-winning *School Governor Initiative*.

CULTURE AND VISITOR ATTRACTIONS

We have a range of inspiring public spaces and visitor attractions that actively engage with people across our local communities. These include the Manchester Museum, Whitworth Art Gallery, The John Rylands Library, Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre, the Martin Harris School of Music and Drama and the Manchester Academy venues in our Students' Union.



STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY

Our 40,000 students provide a major contribution to the social, economic, educational, environmental and creative life of our city region. 6% of all jobs in Manchester are created through the University and around 5,000 students volunteer and fundraise for socially-beneficial causes each year.

VOLUNTEERING

Our students, staff and alumni give time to support a range of less-advantaged or vulnerable individuals and groups across Greater Manchester.

WORK AND EMPLOYMENT

We are a major regional employer with significant job opportunities for people in our local communities. These range from support roles in administration, catering, security, technical and maintenance work, through to more traditional academic and professional services positions.

We lead a unique, award-winning employment initiative called *The Works*, which is actively transforming local people's life chances through community centres in Moss Side and Ardwick/Gorton.



THIRD SECTOR AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Greater Manchester has a vibrant social economy supporting greater fairness and equality. We are engaging with third sector organisations and supporting social enterprises across our city region through:

- growing our own social enterprises
- undertaking not-for-profit consultancy projects with MBA students
- delivering executive education for third sector leaders through our *Prometheus* programme
- supporting third sector and educational organisations through staff and student volunteers and student internships

PUBLIC EVENTS

We organise a vast range of events, talks, exhibitions, performances, concerts and family days for our local community, partnering with people and organisations to share knowledge and resources. Visit www.manchester.ac.uk/events for our latest events.

FIND OUT MORE AND ENGAGE

We will be actively seeking to extend our work in this area. To find out more and engage with our work to address inequalities across Greater Manchester, please visit www.manchester.ac.uk/justgreatermanchester

