

Devo Manc Hub

Exploring Greater Manchester's devolution future

This ESRC IAA-funded hub brings together work from across the University of Manchester on "Devo Manc". The public policy reforms create a unique experiment within the UK with potentially far reaching academic and practical consequences. Observing this set of experiments in real-time and from a number of different disciplinary perspectives will generate findings and results that will be of interest to academic and other users of research, locally, nationally and internationally.

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The opportunity to coalesce around a planned program of activities, events and policy agendas will benefit all those working in a rapidly evolving area of policy and governance which is the focus of national policy development (and international scrutiny)

Ed Cox
Director, IPPR North

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Crime and Policing

Research examining the reform of regional governance through the introduction of directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners is being undertaken by Francesca Gains (Professor of Public Policy) and Professor Vivien Lowndes, (University of Birmingham). In Greater Manchester, this reformed role will become part of the responsibilities of the directly elected metro mayor, an innovation which may develop in other metropolitan areas under devolved arrangements. This research is linked to the European Research Council funded [Understanding Institutional Change](#).

Health and Social Care

The project [Devolving health and social care: learning from Greater Manchester](#) is evaluating, understanding and sharing the experience of health and social care devolution in the Greater Manchester area with a range of stakeholders. Its large research team are considering three broad topics: mapping plans for improvements in the way services are delivered; understanding policy development and the policy process; and describing and analysing governance, accountability, and organisational forms.

Co-led by Professor Kieran Walshe and Professor Ruth McDonald at the University of Manchester. The project is funded jointly by the Health Foundation and NIHR CLAHRC Greater Manchester.

Inclusive Growth

A new [Inclusive Growth Analysis Unit](#) (IGAU) led by Ruth Lupton (Professor of Education) and established with funding from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, is aiming to ensure that poverty reduction is central to the growth and devolution agendas in Greater Manchester, and in other UK cities. IGAU will provide research, analysis and policy and practice guidance in order to support the achievement of that goal.

Arts and Culture

Abigail Gilmore (Senior Lecturer in Arts Management) is developing a public policy and research exchange network exploring the implications of devolution for the arts, creative and heritage sectors and cultural policy across the north.



Economic Development

How is the governance of growth and the politics of austerity in Northern England impacting in real terms on people's lives? Iain Deas (Senior Lecturer in Spatial Planning), Graham Haughton (Professor of Urban and Environmental Planning), Stephen Hincks (Senior Lecturer in Spatial Planning), and Kevin Ward (Professor of Human Geography) are working on a series of linked projects to answer this question.

The first phase of research has focused on the consequences of austerity in two contrasting Greater Manchester locations, Oldham and Trafford. The second phase is examining successive attempts to bolster metropolitan growth across the North West, from the Mersey Belt in the 1970s through to Devo-Manc and the Atlantic Gateway in the present.

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This Hub will enhance the ability for those involved to share and exchange ideas, issues and evidence, it will allow the communication and development of research agendas and it will facilitate an effective presentation of these ideas and policy/ research agendas beyond Greater Manchester”

John Holden
Director of Research, New Economy



Inclusive Governance

Jam and Justice is an action research project investigating how to create more inclusive and just governance arrangements. Liz Richardson (Senior Lecturer in Politics) and a team including the Universities of Salford, Manchester and Birmingham and the Greater Manchester Centre for Voluntary Organisation (GMCVO) will use live demonstrator projects to test different social innovations in decentralised governance. The projects will be co-designed by community research partners in an Action Research Cooperative (ARC) across Greater Manchester.

Dissemination and Engagement

Devo Manc animations:
www.cities.manchester.ac.uk/resources/animation

Devo blog:
<http://blog.policy.manchester.ac.uk/category/devo/>

Further reading:
<http://www.cities.manchester.ac.uk/impact-and-engagement/devo-manc-hub/>



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