

SEED Bulletin May 2016

Welcome to the May 2016 edition of the SEED Bulletin

Head of School Message

I often think that, in our focus on solving issues and sorting out ‘problems’ in our own activities and those of the School and University, we are not always very good at taking time to directly acknowledge the excellence of the people that work here. So it has been terrific that over the last three weeks or so we’ve had a steady stream of formal University level recognition for the exceptional work of folk in SEED. I am absolutely delighted that Professor Erik Swyngedouw (Geography) is to receive a University Distinguished Achievement Award and has been named the Faculty ‘Researcher of the Year’ – one of four awards at University level. Erik’s scholarship over the years has made profound contributions across Geography, Planning, Architecture and Urban Studies so this is really fitting recognition of his cross-disciplinary impact. You will also have seen the news that Julia Noble (a student on the Doctorate in Counselling Psychology within MIE) has been awarded the Faculty ‘Postgraduate Researcher of the Year’, a fabulous achievement. Congratulations both! Then last week I had the privilege of attending the University’s ‘Making a Difference’ Awards (the ‘SR Oscars’). This was a genuinely inspiring evening, showcasing extraordinary work and exceptional contributions to social responsibility across the University. The evening was capped off by a run of awards to SEED colleagues for their SR and volunteering activities – please do read about these below! We are a school with a very direct commitment to the University’s social responsibility agenda but, as I have said before, this is sometimes so obvious to us in SEED that we’ve been guilty of not effectively promoting and articulating the range of our SR contributions to the University and beyond. So as you would imagine I had an absolutely huge smile on my face at the end of the evening.



I was also very pleased to announce earlier this month that Dr Susie Miles (MIE) has been appointed Chair of SEED’s Equality and Diversity Committee. One of Susie’s key mandates is to lead us through the process applying for an Athena Swan Charter Award by April 2017. The charter recognises work undertaken to address gender equality broadly, and barriers to progression that affect women. Although originally an award for science disciplines, in May 2015 the charter was expanded to recognise work undertaken in arts, humanities, social sciences, business and law (AHSSBL), and in professional and support roles, and for trans staff and students. I see the application for the award as a significant opportunity for SEED, not as an end in itself – just to tick boxes to get an award - but to support the E&D Committee in critically examining our policies, practices, action plans and culture, and crucially on helping focus on practical actions and innovations around equality that can be made at School level. This is obviously not a ‘new’ agenda, and there are already School actions going on - such as the current ‘Women into Leadership’ programme of workshops

co-ordinated by Rosie Williams. SEED is also not an ‘outlier’ in the University in terms of our gender or BME representation. However, that is absolutely not the point. As HoS I am acutely interested in advice on what we can do to further address gender or other inequality issues - plain and simple. So if you have thoughts, please do raise them directly with myself or Susie. The application for Athena Swan is a big job, and colleagues will need to support Susie through active involvements in the E&D committee (which will also act as the Athena Swan ‘self-assessment team’) and other inputs. However, I know how deeply committed colleagues are to this, so look forward to being able to use this opportunity really constructively.

Best wishes

Tim

Staff Visits, Activities and News

Staff	Date	Activity
Alan Lewis	May 2016	Joseph Rowntree Foundation report, <i>Care provision fit for a future climate</i> , available at: https://www.jrf.org.uk/report/care-provision-fit-future-climate
Harriet Thomson	May 2016	Dr Harriet Thomson named Associate Editor for <i>Energy Research & Social Science</i> , published by Elsevier. Since launching in September 2013, <i>Energy Research & Social Science</i> has emerged as one of the top journals for research that examines the relationship between energy systems and society.
Erica Burman	April 2016	At the April 2016 AGM of the British Psychological Society, Professor Erica Burman was elected by acclamation Honorary Fellow in recognition of her contribution to the discipline of psychology.
Kate Rowlands	May 2016	Dr Kate Rowlands a Lecturer in International Management at the Global Development Institute has been shortlisted for the award for Best Lecturer (Humanities) in the Manchester Teaching Awards
Julia McMorrow	March 2016	Julia gave an invited talk at a cross-border event in Dundalk, Eire, on wildfire mapping and geolocation, 22-23 March, hosted by An Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara, and Northern Ireland Department of the Environment.
David Spendlove	May 2016	Dave Spendlove will be giving a keynote at the National STEM Learning Centre national conference on May 20th.
Stefan Bouzarovski	May 2016	<p>Publications</p> <p>J Cauvain, S Bouzarovski. 2016. Energy vulnerability in multiple occupancy housing: a problem that policy forgot. <i>People, Place and Policy</i> 10: 88-106</p> <p>S Petrova, M Torres Garcia, S Bouzarovski. 2016. Using action research to enhance learning on end-use energy demand: lessons from reflective practice. <i>Environmental Education Research</i></p> <p>Impact</p> <p>Stefan Bouzarovski spoke at a joint ESRC - Department for Energy and Climate Change seminar on fuel poverty, aimed at facilitating links between academics and decision-makers.</p> <p>Evidence presented by several CURE members led by Neil Simcock was included in a widely cited report on the future of domestic energy efficiency, published by the Westminster Sustainable Business Forum.</p>

Joe Ravetz	May 2016	<p>Keynote lecture for Global Sustainable Development Symposium, Granada, Spain, "exploring sustainable development with science 3.0".</p> <p>Guest lecture for York Centre for Complex Systems Analysis, York (UK): "beyond simple complexity".</p> <p>Success with large consortium bid to Finland Academy of Science, for 4m euro integrated urban research programme 'Beyond Housing/landuse/transport/services/economic development to Integrative Envisioning'.</p> <p>RCUK-India Urban Transformations programme, presentation at bilateral workshop in Jaipur, India.</p> <p>Keynote & seminar at Ayajeen School of Architecture & Planning, Jaipur, India: 'From smart cities to wise cities: learning and thinking for an urban shared mind'.</p> <p>Keynote / seminar at University Los Andes, Bogota, Colombia: 'technology foresight for the new economic world'.</p> <p>RCUK 'Urban Living Pilot': Coordinator of multi-university consortium proposal (UoM, MMU, Salford), in collaboration with AGMA, NE, TFGM, NHS, GMP, etc (not selected). Submitted a pilot version for IAA funding.</p> <p>Presentation at 'Unleashing Urban Innovation' workshop, Manchester.</p> <p>Visiting Professor seminar series at Naples Institute for Advanced Studies, University Federico Secondo.</p> <p>Foresight study on Horizon 2020 Third Strategic Programme, for EC DG Research & Innovation: (co-convenor with SAMI consulting).</p>
Steve Courtney	May 2016	<p>Dr Steve Courtney has been awarded the British Educational Leadership, Management and Administration Society Thesis Award 2016. This award recognises his doctoral research, which was supervised by Prof Helen Gunter. The award will be presented at the BELMAS conference in July, in Chester.</p>

SEED Social Responsibility Success!

SEED was triumphant in the Volunteer of the Year and the Making A Difference Award ceremonies last week.



The team – photobombed by Lemn Sissay, our Chancellor.

Volunteer of the Year Awards

Many congratulations to Zahra Alijah (MIE, pictured here with her lovely Mum!) who came second in the Staff Volunteer of the Year Award. Zahra was recognised for her outstanding contribution to community engagement through a host of different organisations but principally being the Chair of the Hide Away Youth Project in Moss Side. Hide Away responds to the changing needs of the community by working with the community offering a safe space to young people of all cultures, religion and race to discuss locally identified issues. The breadth, as well as depth, of Zahra’s work represent her tireless engagement with different community organisations.



Making A Difference Awards

The **Read with SEED** team were **highly commended** in the category of *Inspiring communities: staff involvement*.

Read with SEED was created entirely by our PSS team: Jonathan Lillie, Vesna Higginbotham, Ruth Rawling, Julie Rafferty, Philippa Stirk, Elaine Jones, Emily Hough, Emma Carter-Brown and Emma Moores. Our team use the University's electric vehicle to travel to Claremont Primary School, Moss



Side where they read 1:1 with school children. From October-December 2015 the 18 participant children showed an average increase in reading age of 6.5 months.

Ruth Rawling and Jonathan Lillie, and their proud high commendation.

Anna Gilchrist, Environmental Management, Planning, **won the award** for her *Outstanding contribution to environmental sustainability* category for her initiative, the Tree Musketeers.

The Tree Musketeers is a group of student volunteers aiming to help various organisations with a range of biodiversity conservation and environmental management projects in the city and beyond. The army of volunteers are gaining practical skills and experience whilst working with organisations such as the Cheshire Wildlife Trust and the RSPB and spreading their ethos: *All for one and one (planet) for all!*



Nikki Banks, GDI, won the award for her *Outstanding contribution of social enterprise (emerging)* for her work with a motorbike taxi savings and employment scheme.

Nikki's work is based in Arusha, Tanzania as part of an ESRC 3 Year Future Research Leaders grant. She has been researching youth futures/employment in urban spaces helping a group of six young men to purchase their own piki-piki's (motorbike taxis) and working to scale up the initiative.



Congratulations also to colleagues who received **certificates of high commendation** for their service to social responsibility.

James Evans, Andy Karvonen, Ross Jones, Lucy Millard (Estates) and Jana Wendler for University Living Labs.

Jen O'Brien for dedication to widening participation.

The web team – Philip Moores, Aileen O'Riordan and Kristian Scott – for the online promotion of social responsibility across intra School websites.

The Geographies of Energy Vulnerability and Fuel Group - Stefan Bouzarovski, Saska Petrova, Neil Simcock, Harriet Thomson, Mohd Tarmizi Mohd Amin, Alastair Moore, Cait Robinson

Many congratulations to all of our nominees!

Gail Divall has returned to her post in SEED as Senior Programmes Officer in the Student Support team.

Gail will be the School's main contact for Programme Development, External Examiner Appointments and Reports, Co-ordinating TA processes, Assisting Senior Programmes Officers and programme teams with examinations, assessment, student support and experience.

ESRC Devo Manc Hub Launched

The University has awarded Francesca Gains (Politics and policy@manchester) and Kevin Ward (Geography and cities@manchester) an ESRC Impact Accelerator Award to establish a hub for the University's impact work on Devo Manc and the Northern Powerhouse. This will run for two years, until the end of March 2018, and will build upon the large number of research underway across the university

into the different aspects of devolution, including business support, crime and policing, economic development and governance, health and social care, inclusive growth and the arts and culture industries.

More information can be found at the [Cities@ Manchester website](#).

Arrival of Cristina Temenos, new Urban Studies Foundation Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship

Dr Cristina Temenos, an alumni of the 2014 Summer Institute in Urban Studies (SIUS), will be joining us on 31 May on a prestigious 3 year Urban Studies Foundation Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship. Awarded her PhD from Simon Fraser University, Vancouver in 2014 and currently a Post-Doctoral Fellow at Northeastern University, Boston, Cristina was one of only four awards in 2015, alongside Martín Arboleda – Harvard University, USA, Sanjeev Routray – Northeastern University, USA and Richard Waldron – University College Dublin, Ireland

Cristina's project will analyse the relationship between the international emergence of austerity programs and the local politics of health service provision in three cities with particular attention to how implemented austerity-led restructuring has altered spaces of urban public health. Using Athens, Budapest and Manchester as case studies, she will identify the economic, political and social stresses involved in providing spaces of care to the urban poor as traditional forms of state service provision are disrupted through austerity-led restructuring and the pressure for innovative urban solutions and competition for resources increases.

More information about Cristina can be found at: <http://www.sfu.ca/~ctemenos/>

The Great Manchester Run – 10km Sunday 22nd May

Fantastic news, the SEED 10k team have completed their 10km challenge with many of the team beating their target times.

As of 26th May the team have raised an amazing £890!

Many thanks to everyone who has already donated, the Just Giving page can still be accessed at <http://www.justgiving.com/SEED-2016Manchester10k> where you can donate.



Many thanks to Lynda Rowlinson and Thomas Blackburn who are part of the running leader team who have given us the opportunity during lunchtimes to get up to speed!

On behalf of Jim Backhouse, Scott Miller, Jonathan Lillie, Ruth Rawling, Nick Ritchie, Lynda Rowlinson in SEED and Adam Hilton, Lucy Galloway and Michelle Webb from the Faculty Finance Team, who work closely with SEED, thank you for your tremendous support!

School Information and Notices

Uma Kothari has completed her term as Managing Director for GDI and Diana Mitlin took over on 1st May.

Recruitment and Selection Training

As the amount of recruitment in the School steps up and to avoid any delays in making appointments, colleagues are advised to attend the mandatory recruitment and selection training. Further information can be found by visiting [HR's website](#).

The next available course is on Wednesday 20/07/2016 9:30 - 13:30, Staff Learning & Development, Roscoe Building, 5th Floor.

Recruitment

HUM 08001 Senior Lecturer/Reader in Architecture

Interviews and presentations will be held on Friday 1 July 2016. Presentations: Room G35/36, Arthur Lewis Building, Interviews: Room 1.27, HBS Building

The following posts are currently being advertised

HUM 08179 Lecturer in Education (Science) Closing date: Friday 27 May

Interviews will be held on Thursday 23rd June 2016

HUM 08178 Research Associate (Achievement for All) Closing date: Friday 3 June

Interviews will be held on Friday 10th June 2016

HUM 08138 RA Quants (MIE) Closing date: Sunday 5 June 2016

Interviews will be held on Thursday 16th June 2016

Links to the above posts can be found by visiting [Staffnet](#).

Health and Safety

To avoid interruption to examinations the weekly fire alarm schedule to the Humanities Bridgeford Street Building has changed and will be 9.00am on a Friday instead of 11.30am.

Teaching learning and Students

Exam Extra – until 8th June



As part of [Exam extra](#), the Library is organising a number of activities to support your students during the exam period. Please encourage them to take part!

- Academic skills and revision support sessions
- A range of workshops including those aimed at managing exam stress, overcoming procrastination and challenging unhelpful thinking habits.
- Lots of de-stressing sessions including Yoga, Tai-Chi and Meditation. All details are available on library [website](#).

- Virtual drop-in sessions every Mon 3-4pm using Library Chat service. Students can use this service to ask questions about a variety of things from referencing, searching and taking notes to help with revision. This is in addition to the physical drop-in sessions 12-1pm every Wednesday in the AGLC training room.

Between Monday 16th and Friday 27th May, the Library will be running 'Calm your brain and have a croissant' sessions every weekday morning between 10 and 11am in conjunction with the Counselling Service. Students have the opportunity to have a free breakfast and hot drink, and take part in a short mindfulness session to prepare them for the day ahead. All the events can be booked on the [website](#).

For Exam Extra, the library has ordered extra furniture for AGLC to provide more space for students over the exam period. This includes extra tables and chairs as well as laptop trays. We will also have extra staff throughout the exam period to assist students. The opening hours have also been extended; The Main Library opens until 2am and Kantorowich Library until 7.00pm. The Alan Gilbert Learning Commons will remain open 24/7.

Reference Management

The Library is now offering a reference management drop-in service. The service will initially run every Friday in May, from 2-3pm, outside the Seminar Room in the Main Library. It is open to all students and staff; you can ask any questions you might have in relation to both reference management software and referencing in general.



Textbook Rescue

[Textbook Rescue](#) is back in a bid to save hundreds of unwanted textbooks from a life of gathering dust. Last year, students donated over 2,000 textbooks to support next year's students. This year, we want to help even more. Please encourage your students to donate any unwanted textbooks to the Library. Books can be dropped off at any Library site.



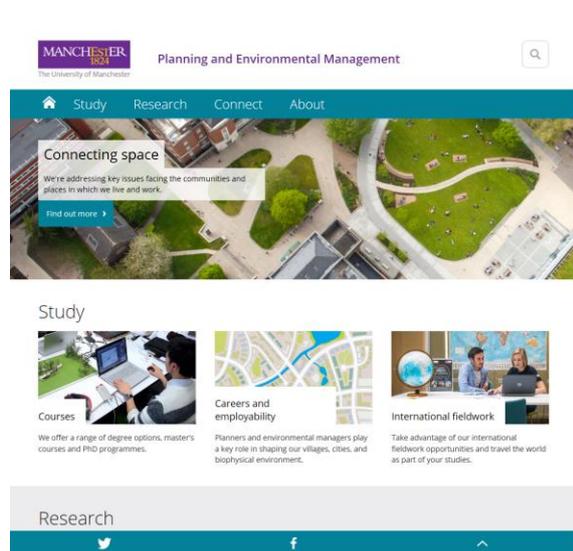
Social Responsibility and Engagement

SEED's Migration to the Responsive Web Design (sneak preview!) and photograph competition

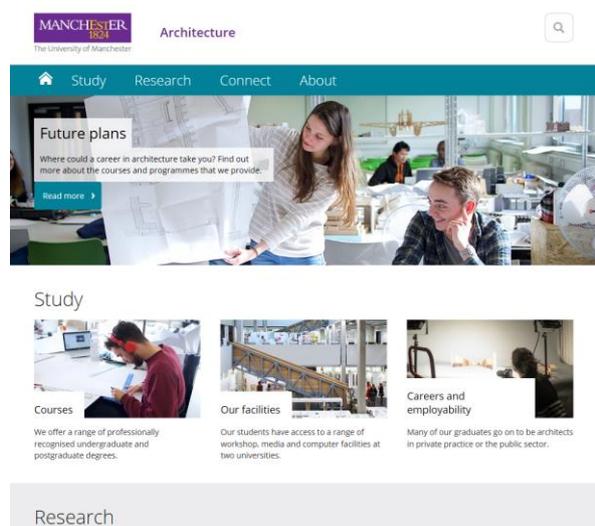
Our gallant web team have been working round the clock to migrate the SEED website to the new Responsive Web Design (RWD). It looks fantastic. Beyond the new site being much cleaner, sharper and fresher than the older site (as evidenced through the DRAFT versions of Planning and Environmental Management and Architecture pages shown below), the new site will be responsive to mobile devices. This will make our web pages much more user friendly and will, for example, better promote our pages in internet search engines. The new website has much more coherence with the Corporate site, which itself won a prestigious [Lovie Award](#) in October of last year.

Some of the photographs from the old website are no longer fit for purpose, mainly because they are too small for the higher resolution site. Led by Jenny Lister of our marketing team we have had Jill Jennings, a professional photographer, documenting day to day SEED activity, but we are keen to capture other images. Any photographs of research, fieldwork, teaching or general SEED-in-action-shots that you think might enhance our website would be very welcome. Beyond the honour of featuring on the new SEED website there will be a prize, as judged by Jill, for the best 'SEED in action' photograph. This opportunity will be extended to our students. Entries can be sent to seedphotographs@gmail.com. Please note that we can only consider images that apply with University branding (details [here](#)). Submitting the entry confirms that the photograph is yours and that you have the permissions of everybody featuring in it. The competition closes on 31st May.

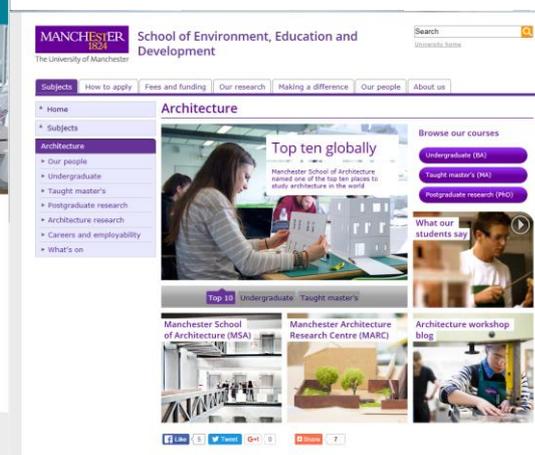
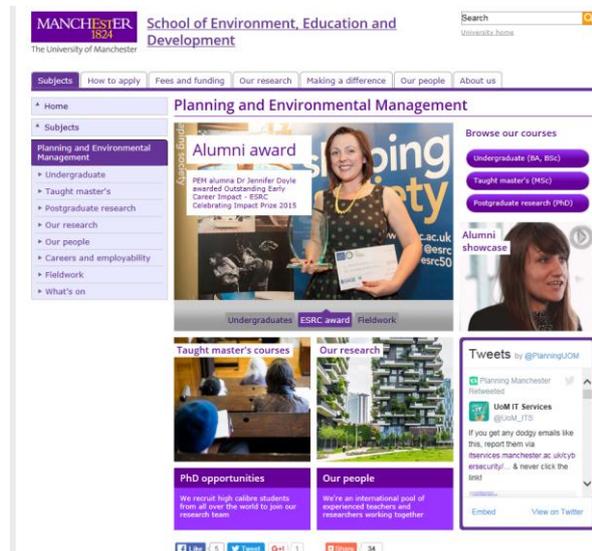
Many thanks to Emma Carter-Brown and our discipline representatives: Elizabeth Birchinall, Sotirios Thanos, Lukasz Stanek, Jonny Huck, Chris Jordan, Charlene Linton and Gary Motteram (also Tomas Frederickson, Jason Dortch and Ste Hincks who have recently stepped down) for all of their hard work and to Leann Finch, our web secretary. Huge thanks to Philip Moores, Kristian Scott, Stewart Aitken, and Tony Rickard of the Web Team who have been working SO hard to make this possible.



New site – draft version, work in progress



New site – draft version, work in progress



Are you involved in public engagement with research? Have you worked on a brilliant project that you want to share? The NCCPE Engage Competition is back for 2016 and open for applications.

The NCCPE are running this national competition to find and celebrate high quality public engagement with research projects.

Across the UK researchers are engaging the public in lots of different ways and for lots of different reasons. We want to recognise and reward high-quality examples of public engagement in practice, and we want you to get involved. We are interested in applications covering projects from all disciplines, of any size, length and cost. Whether you are new to public engagement, or have been engaging with the public for years we are keen to hear from you.

There are six competition categories, and the winner of each category will receive a prize of £1,500 to go towards further public engagement work.

- Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
- Health and Wellbeing
- Engaging With Young People
- Working In Partnership
- Individually Led Projects

The closing date for entries is Monday 18 July 2016 at 12 noon.

Full details and online applications at:

<https://www.publicengagement.ac.uk/work-with-us/engage-competition-2016>

Sustainability Challenge 2016 Staff Volunteers needed

Would you like to help deliver the Sustainability Challenge 2016 to all 8,000 1st year undergraduate students?

The Sustainability Challenge is part of the University's Ethical Grand Challenges programme and from September 2016 will be a core element of the UoM Welcome.

We are looking for enthusiastic and approachable members of academic and PSS staff from all parts of the University, including the library and cultural institutions, and PGR students, to take on a number of roles:

- Facilitators to work directly with groups of students taking part in the Challenge;
- Event Staff to direct students to rooms and help with the running of the event;
- Technical Support to provide additional AV support alongside building technicians (some IT knowledge required but a briefing will be provided).

Volunteers on last year's Challenge said that they really enjoyed the opportunity to work with colleagues and students from across the university. It's also a great way to develop new skills and to be part of the distinctive offer of the University.

The Challenge is a 2.5 hour simulation exercise, based on the fictitious University of Millchester's new Campus East Development. Students will work in interdisciplinary groups to plan the new campus, in the context of changes to climate policy to address extreme weather events around the world.

The Sustainability Challenge will take place in the morning and afternoon on Tuesday 20th September in 9 buildings across the Oxford Road campus.

The time commitment involved will depend on which role you would like to volunteer for. Facilitators will be required to attend a training session in early September. Staff volunteering for other roles will be

provided with a role overview and a full briefing. We will also run some information sessions for staff who would like to find out more about the Sustainability Challenge which will be advertised shortly. To find out more about each role, please click on the links below:

- [Facilitator Role Description](#)
- [Event Staff Role Description](#)
- [Technical Support Role description](#)

Registration

To register your interest, please complete one of the following forms by Friday, 3 June:

- [Volunteer as a Facilitator](#)
- [Volunteer as Event Staff or Technical Support](#)

Further information

Visit:

- [2015 Sustainability Challenge](#)

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss what's involved, please contact:

- Sian Yeowell at sian.yeowell@manchester.ac.uk
or
- Colette Cooke at colette.cooke@manchester.ac.uk or 52851



TEACHER ENQUIRY: A COLLABORATIVE AND AUTHENTIC MODEL

The Primary PGCE team has been working with a number of schools from the inner Manchester region to develop an innovative approach to teacher enquiry and trainee teacher placements. The project has clear links with three of the University's Social Responsibility priorities:

1. Research with impact

Developing research capacity within schools by facilitating opportunities for schools to engage in research about their school, in conjunction with trainee teachers and university-based staff.

2. Socially responsible graduates

Trainees engaging in the project will be not only developing their skills as practitioners, but also be able to exercise important ethical responsibilities, and develop their understanding of the importance of research-informed practice.

3. Engaging our communities

The project seeks to engage local schools in developing their research capacity and therefore forging strong links with the university.

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

To celebrate, we are hosting a poster presentation event in which our school partners will be sharing their research projects.

Friday, 8 July, 3-5pm
Grand Hall, Whitworth Gallery

Join us for an exciting opportunity to find out how the Primary PGCE team has forged collaborative relationships with local schools, supporting them and our trainees in investigating an area of interest.

Themes range from supporting learners who have English as an additional language, to evaluating an innovative approach to mathematics, to considering Philosophy for children and the impact of therapeutic interventions.

To attend, or for more details, please contact:
Carole Burton - c.burton@manchester.ac.uk



The British Science Association Events

In 2016, we are running a range of exciting events supporting science communicators around the country. These events are for people from all sub-sectors and backgrounds, but we do target some of our events to particular groups and experience levels.

15 June 2016 – BSA Masterclass: Science Communication Primer (Manchester) **People's History Museum, Manchester, 10am-5.30pm**

An essential event for researchers, full-time communicators or volunteers, in their first few years of science communication. Key science communication figures will lead interactive sessions on story-telling, understanding your audience, choosing your medium, evaluation, and next steps for career development. We've also partnered with [SciComm burrito](#), to hold their sci comm meetup on the same day from 6:30pm till late.

Find out more and book tickets (£80-100)

7 September 2016 – Science communication and engagement drinks **The Wallace Centre, Swansea, 5pm-7pm**

As part of the British Science Festival, we are holding a drinks reception for science communicators of all backgrounds and levels of experience. An interview with a key figure from the science communication and public engagement world will kick off the conversations.

Free, sign up on [Eventbrite](#).

21 October 2016 – BSA Masterclass: Science Communication Primer (London) **Conway Hall, London, 10am-5.30pm**

The second round of our BSA masterclass series will be coming to London in October. We will be joined by a host of key sci comm figures from across the sector to discuss story-telling, understanding your audience, choosing your medium, evaluation, and next steps for career development. Tickets (£80-£100) will go on sale approximately three months before the event.

November 2016 – Culture Shock

This event will bring together communicators from science and other sectors to gain inspiration, challenge their existing ideas, share practice and understand new perspectives. This event is aimed at people who have three or more years' experience working in science communication or another sector. To be kept informed about this event, sign up [here](#).

Jacob

Jacob Ohrvik-Stott
Project Officer

The British Science Association
T: +44 (0)20 7019 4940
E: jacob.ohrvik-stott@britishscienceassociation.org

Research Centres and Institutes

ESID

The Effective States and Inclusive Development Team spent a hot and steamy week in Ghana in April. Debate and discussion on the politics of development in Ghana was heated and Ghanaians were particularly engaged in the pressing issues affecting their lives and livelihoods. These included public sector reform, [structural transformation](#), [natural resources](#), [education and health](#). Working with

their fantastic hard working partners, [CDD](#), ESID held an intense few days of events at [GIMPA](#), [UGBS](#), The World Bank and [ISSER](#). They also attended a packed schedule of appearances on Ghana's TV and radio and at one point we were right across Ghana's airwaves. The week was also a vital opportunity to get feedback on ESID's research. They based presentations and discussions on four briefing papers and from discussions and questions were able to consolidate findings.

Visit the ESID blog to listen to a podcast from Ghana on public sector reform: <http://www.effective-states.org/listen-a-podcast-of-our-findings-on-public-sector-reform-in-ghana/>

Read ESID's Briefing papers on Ghana here: <http://www.effective-states.org/publications/>

Manchester University and Chinese Academy of Sciences' ESRC-NSF Newton Fund Project

Professor Cecilia Wong and Professor Xiangzheng Deng (Chinese Academy of Sciences) are leading a three year research study on 'Eco-Urbanisation: promoting sustainable development in metropolitan regions of China'. This study aims to deepen our understanding of the interactive processes between urban development, resource consumption, and environmental impacts, and to identify innovative practices and effective strategies to manage and plan for sustainable urbanisation in China. Both research teams recently met in Beijing in April and a full programme of activities were planned. The UoM team (Cecilia Wong, Mark Baker, Richard Kingston, Nuno Pinto, and Miao Qiao) also visited and presented at Peking University and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

UoM Hallsworth China Research Project

This three-year research project entitled 'Migration, Urbanisation and Governance in China' is a collaborative project between CUPS/C@M (Mark Baker and Cecilia Wong) and the Cathie Marsh Institute for Social Research (Yaojun Li), supported by the University Strategic Funding on China research. The project will conduct systematic analyses on migration experiences and outcomes, and appropriate policy responses for meeting their needs in the urbanisation processes; existing and new urbanites' interaction and the implication for social cohesion in the new urban setting; and interviews with government officials in China to make effective recommendations on urban planning.

China Political Economy Hallsworth Research Fellow

Dr. Lei Wang from the Nanjing Institute of Geography of the Chinese Academy of Sciences will come to join Planning/CUPS in October 2016 to carry out a three year research project on 'The nexus of infrastructure development and sustainable spatial growth: the case of High-speed railway development in the Yangtze River Delta, China'. This research will carry out a spatial-temporal analysis, from a political-economy perspective, to identify the sustainability growth problems associated with HSR oriented development and its underlying mechanisms. The spatial analysis is multi-scalar by focusing on examining the Yangtze River Delta and its 16 city-regions – this will involve about 70 HSR stations and their surrounding areas - in terms of their regional accessibility efficiency, social and spatial equality, and land use development.

CUHK-UoM Research Fund

Prof. Cecilia Wong and Prof. Mee Kam Ng of the Future Cities Institute in CUHK has secured the research fund to facilitate the exchange between the two urban institutes. The exchange will focus on 'Planning for Sustainable Urban Neighbourhood Change' and the UoM staff (Mark Baker, Iain Deas, Stephen Hincks, Richard Kingston and Cecilia Wong) will visit CUHK in August this year and a reciprocal visit will be made by colleagues in CUHK next May.

Wuhan Visit

Nuno Pinto was in Wuhan, China where he visited Wuhan University (WU), the Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST) and the Wuhan Land Use Institute in April. Nuno gave a lecture about his research on urban modelling at the State key Lab on Information Engineering in Surveying, Mapping and Remote Sensing (WU) and a lecture about a comparison of urbanisation trends in Europe and China at both the School of Urban Design (WU) and the Department of Architecture and Urban Planning of HUST.

Inclusive Growth Analysis Unit

April saw the launch of the new Inclusive Growth Analysis Unit, a partnership between the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and the University's Faculty of Humanities. IGAU will be part of the new Manchester Urban Institute. Its goal is to help make sure that poverty reduction is further up the agenda in discussions about economic growth and devolution in Greater Manchester, and to foster the development of evidence-based strategies to make that happen. A key part of the work will be convening and influencing stakeholders through our events and blog – a new inclusive growth stream has been set up on the policy@manchester blog. We'll also be monitoring progress, synthesising research into policy briefings and research commentaries, and conducting new research. IGAU is led by Ruth Lupton in MIE. Anthony Rafferty in Alliance MBS is Senior Researcher and Ceri Hughes, currently at the New Policy Institute, will be joining as Research Associate in June. Charlene Linton is providing admin/comms support. IGAU is keen to collaborate with others working in similar areas so please contact us! For more info: www.manchester.ac.uk/inclusivegrowth

GURC

Diana is at Duke University (19th-20th May) presenting a keynote to their workshop on urban poverty, and visiting the World Resources Institute (23rd-24th May) to contribute to thinking on their forthcoming World Resources Report on the under-served.

Diana will be in Bellagio at the Rockefeller Foundation's centre 7th-11th June for an ESID workshop which will include reflections on research on urban poverty reduction programmes in India and Uganda.

Further to the workshop between SDI's South Africa affiliate and low-income communities in the UK, Mum's Mart has begun a savings scheme in Wythenshawe. Diana has visited them twice to discuss the development of this work, most recently with Beth Chitekwe-Biti from Zimbabwe. Beth completed a PhD at GURC and directs the support NGO for the SDI affiliate in Zimbabwe.

Plans are developing for Habitat III and include a workshop coordinated by Caroline Moser, Professor Emeritus at GURC with Diana and SDI.

Alfredo Stein has been invited to participate in the 'Achieving Universal Access to Urban Sanitation Services Workshop' on June 7-8, 2016 in Atlanta Georgia, USA. The workshop is organized by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Bank/WSP, Leeds University and the Center for Global Safe Wash at Emory University.

Alfredo Stein has been invited to participate in the annual meeting of Cities Alliance and DFID Joint Work Programme on Equitable Economic Growth in Cities: 'How can better access to public goods shape equitable economic growth in Cities?' The meeting will take place in London on 26 May 2016.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has commissioned Alfredo Stein to write a report on the relation between climate change and social and environmental conflicts in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Melanie gave a lecture on informality and place-making at the Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment on Thursday 5 May.

Melanie gave an invited talk on informal housing in the UK at Humboldt University, Berlin on Monday 9 May.

Melanie will participate in a panel on land reform and neoliberalism at the Latin American Studies Association Congress, New York, 27-30 May.

To submit an article or information to the SEED Bulletin, please email seedschooloffice@manchester.ac.uk