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# MAKING A **DIFFERENCE**

A guide to Social Responsibility  
at The University of Manchester

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# Social responsibility at The University of Manchester

We are unique in British higher education for placing social responsibility as a core goal.

We were the first and most eminent of the 'civic universities', furthering the frontiers of knowledge through research and teaching, but also contributing to the well-being of our region and society more widely.

Today, social responsibility describes the way we make a difference to the social and environmental well-being of our communities and wider society through our teaching, research and public events and activities.

If our commitments to our first two goals of world-class research and outstanding learning ask 'what are we good at?' then our third goal, social responsibility, gets to the heart of the question 'what are we good for?'

We have committed to promoting public benefit in all we do through five social responsibility priorities:

- Research with impact
- Socially-responsible graduates
- Engaging our communities
- Responsible processes
- Environmental sustainability

A small number of social responsibility 'Signature Programmes' have been developed around each of these priorities, so that we focus and measure effort where we can make the most impact.

This short guide provides an overview of the key programmes, policies and activities that make up our whole-institutional approach to social responsibility.



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Associate Vice-President for Social Responsibility

A group of children in school uniforms are seen from behind, reaching out to touch a large, interactive globe. The globe shows the continents and oceans in vibrant colors. The children are engaged and curious, with their hands pressed against the surface of the globe. The scene is set in what appears to be a museum or educational center.

## **Social responsibility priorities**

All social responsibility activities are organised under five strategic priorities: Research with Impact, Socially-Responsible Graduates, Engaging our Communities, Responsible Processes and Environmental Sustainability.

Signature programme:  
10,000 Actions

Research with impact on sustainability

Socially-responsible and environmentally-aware graduates

Engaging our communities of staff, students, alumni and external stakeholders

Responsible processes: procurement, natural resource literacy and sustainable construction

Signature programme:  
The Works

Responsible procurement

Staff volunteering and public service

Equality and diversity

Give as you Earn Scheme

Ethics Framework

Construction and social responsibility

Signature programme:  
Addressing Inequalities

Research beacons: addressing global inequalities, advanced materials, cancer, energy, industrial biotechnology

Policy@Manchester

Public engagement and involvement with research

Business engagement

Social enterprise

Signature programme:  
Ethical Grand Challenges

Equity and Merit programme for developing countries

Stellify and the Manchester Leadership Award

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)

Social impact through learning



Signature programmes:  
School Governor Initiative  
Cultural Explorers

'Inspiring Communities' and public engagement

Cultural and visitor attractions

Public events, festivals and activities

Student volunteering

Working with schools and colleges and the Manchester Access Programme

Science and Engineering Education Research and Innovation Hub (SEERIH)

Centre for Engagement and Involvement

Research institutes and networks supporting community engagement





## Priority 1: Research with impact

We're committed to the discovery of new knowledge and its application to improving the world. From cancer to climate change, from inequalities to energy, we tackle the world's greatest challenges through our research.

### Signature programme

#### ADDRESSING INEQUALITIES IN GREATER MANCHESTER

Greater Manchester is the largest urban economy outside of London, yet many people are unable to fully participate in and benefit from the region's success. We're using our expertise to work with public, private and third sector organisations to address some of the most significant issues of equality and fairness across Greater Manchester. We've established an Inclusive Growth Analysis Unit, to ensure that poverty reduction is central to the growth and devolution agendas in Greater Manchester. We're co-producing policy solutions on age-friendly cities, health inequalities, urban governance for social innovation and language diversity.

We're assessing the role of our University as an 'anchor institution' in working with a neighbouring community across mutually agreed social priorities. And we're critically assessing the opportunities and challenges brought about by devolution of specific powers to our region of Greater Manchester.

[www.socialresponsibility.manchester.ac.uk/GMResearch](http://www.socialresponsibility.manchester.ac.uk/GMResearch)

[www.mui.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.mui.manchester.ac.uk)

[www.cities.manchester.ac.uk/impact-and-engagement/  
devo-manc-hub](http://www.cities.manchester.ac.uk/impact-and-engagement/devo-manc-hub)

# Research beacons: global challenges, Manchester solutions

Our research beacons are examples of pioneering discoveries, interdisciplinary collaboration and cross-sector partnerships that are tackling some of the biggest questions facing the planet.

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## Addressing global inequalities

Food, healthcare, infrastructure and resources remain plentiful for some areas, yet scarce for others. Social injustice and discrimination heavily impact on some communities by gender, ethnicity, educational background and other characteristics. We're addressing major inequalities across areas such as ageing, ethnicity, women's health, the workplace, humanitarianism and conflict response and global development.

[www.manchester.ac.uk/research/beacons/global-inequalities](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/research/beacons/global-inequalities)

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## Cancer

One in two of us will be diagnosed with some form of cancer during our lifetime. We're working on the full range of ways to reduce cancer's impact on patients, our health services and our society, ensuring outstanding clinical work is leading to innovative techniques and personalised treatments.

[www.manchester.ac.uk/research/beacons/cancer](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/research/beacons/cancer)

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## Energy

We're using more and more energy in our everyday lives, raising big questions about where it comes from, how smartly we use it, how accessible it is and what impact there is on the environment. Over 600 researchers at Manchester are seeking solutions to some of the biggest energy challenges we face.

[www.manchester.ac.uk/research/beacons/energy](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/research/beacons/energy)

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## Industrial biotechnology

In a century where society seeks sustainability alongside efficiency, industrial biotechnology offers an attractive alternative to traditional oil and gas technologies, using biological resources to translate knowledge into application in areas such as agriculture, pharmacy and medicine.

[www.manchester.ac.uk/research/beacons/industrial-biotechnology](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/research/beacons/industrial-biotechnology)

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## Advanced materials

Stronger and lighter materials are required to solve many of the world's most critical challenges. The birthplace of graphene – the world's thinnest and strongest material – we have world-leading facilities and researchers who team with industrial partners to develop, improve and transform products, from providing clean water for millions in developing communities to creating sustainable energy storage devices.

[www.manchester.ac.uk/research/beacons/advanced-materials](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/research/beacons/advanced-materials)

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# Supporting research with impact

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## Policy@Manchester

Policy@Manchester showcases the contribution of academics from The University of Manchester to public policy development in the UK.

[www.policy.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.policy.manchester.ac.uk)

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## Public engagement with research

We engage and listen to wider communities and involve them in our work. Examples of activities include science and community festivals, public lectures and debates, patient involvement in research, 'citizen science' initiatives and co-production of research.

[www.engagement.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.engagement.manchester.ac.uk)

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## Business engagement

We exchange knowledge and work in partnership with organisations ranging from international blue chips, ambitious SMEs or charities with an eye for innovation.

[www.manchester.ac.uk/collaborate/business-engagement](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/collaborate/business-engagement)

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## Social enterprise

We foster, support and source funding to support staff in creating their own social enterprises.

<http://socialenterprise.umip.com>

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## Priority 2: Socially-responsible graduates

We produce more graduates each year than any other campus-based university in the UK. As key citizens and leaders of tomorrow, we want to ensure they represent the widest range of social backgrounds and develop not only academic and professional skills, but also a sense of ethical, social and environmental responsibility towards the societies they will serve.

### Signature programmes

#### ETHICAL GRAND CHALLENGES

Tomorrow's leaders and citizens will inherit a world facing some of the greatest challenges to our human race. Our Ethical Grand Challenges programme enables all our undergraduate students to address some of the most profound ethical challenges of the 21st century. Embedded as a core part of our 'Stellify' student pathway, leading to the Manchester Leadership Award, the programme provides every Manchester undergraduate with the opportunity to confront key challenges concerning sustainability, social justice and workplace ethics.

[www.egc.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.egc.manchester.ac.uk)

#### EQUITY AND MERIT PROGRAMME

In the world's least developed countries, very few citizens have opportunities to advance themselves and their wider society through higher education study. Our Equity and Merit programme assists academically excellent young professionals from Rwanda, Uganda and Tanzania to undertake campus-based postgraduate taught Master's study for one year. We also offer a choice of online Master's programmes. The University waives all tuition fees and the generosity of our donors covers living costs, flights and visas.

[www.manchester.ac.uk/equity-merit](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/equity-merit)



## Stellify

Our commitment to supporting students in becoming socially responsible is embodied through 'Stellify' – an initiative to encourage all Manchester students to do more, and become more. Stellify exemplifies the distinctiveness of our graduates as ethical leaders, and focuses on the real world impact of what students do based on five points of action:

**1. Embracing learning without boundaries:** Through our University College for Interdisciplinary Learning, Learning Through Research and comprehensive Study Abroad and placements programmes, we give opportunities for students to broaden their educational horizons by offering educational experiences outside of their discipline, in areas of profound social and scientific importance.

[www.college.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.college.manchester.ac.uk)

**2. Understand the issues that matter:** All students are given opportunities to become ethically, socially and politically informed on key global challenges of sustainability, social justice and workplace ethics through our Ethical Grand Challenges programme.

[www.egc.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.egc.manchester.ac.uk)

**3. Make a difference:** All students are given access to a huge range of volunteering, outreach and philanthropy projects with charities and not-for-profit organisations across Manchester, the UK and overseas.

[www.manchester.ac.uk/volunteers](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/volunteers)

**4. Step up:** Students can step up to lead in areas including elected student representation, student societies, residents associations, and sport.

[www.stellify.manchester.ac.uk/what-can-i-do](http://www.stellify.manchester.ac.uk/what-can-i-do)

**5. Engage with My Future:** All students are supported to explore their vision for their future from the moment they arrive at Manchester.

[www.careers.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.careers.manchester.ac.uk)

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### Manchester Leadership Award

All students who complete a specific set of Stellify activities will receive our new Manchester Leadership Award at graduation – the most prestigious extra-curricular accolade in the University.

[www.stellify.manchester.ac.uk/leadership-award](http://www.stellify.manchester.ac.uk/leadership-award)

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## Other examples

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### Massive open online courses (MOOCs)

Our massive open online courses – or MOOCs – allow us to engage people from around the world with an exciting variety of our study opportunities. All that's needed is an Internet connection. They're free of charge and a typical MOOC lasts six to eight weeks.

[www.manchester.ac.uk/study/online-distance-learning/moocs](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/online-distance-learning/moocs)

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### Social impact through learning

Positive contributions to society are embedded into many forms of teaching and learning activities in the University. Examples include students providing community-based research on linguistic diversity and biodiversity, public and patient engagement through health programmes, postgraduate consultancy projects for local charities and cultural sector organisations, and pro bono support by students through our Legal Advice Centre.

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A photograph of a man with glasses and a young boy looking intently at a terrarium display in a museum. The man is on the left, and the boy is in the center, both looking towards the right. The terrarium is filled with various plants and a small animal. A large, semi-transparent circular graphic is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text.

## Priority 3: Engaging our communities

We actively engage and involve the public, creating benefits for the University and wider society.

### Signature programmes

#### SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Volunteer school governors play a crucial role in raising educational standards. The University's multi award-winning School Governor Initiative contributes to the leadership and improvement of state schools by engaging our staff and alumni in creating the largest growth of school governors of any organisation in the UK.

[www.socialresponsibility.manchester.ac.uk/signature-programmes](http://www.socialresponsibility.manchester.ac.uk/signature-programmes)

#### CULTURAL EXPLORERS

Access to culture, science and museums still remains the preserve of society's most advantaged groups. Our Cultural Explorers programme provides a free cultural entitlement for all local year five pupils/nine year-olds to engage in an exciting out-of-classroom learning experience in one of our four University cultural institutions – the Manchester Museum, The Whitworth, Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre and The John Rylands Library.

[www.socialresponsibility.manchester.ac.uk/signature-programmes](http://www.socialresponsibility.manchester.ac.uk/signature-programmes)

Connecting, sharing and involving the public with our knowledge, resources and visitor attractions allows us to make a difference across our city region of Greater Manchester, nationally and internationally.

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### Public engagement and Inspiring Communities

Our public can be everyone from our family and colleagues to potential funders, businesses, patients, policymakers, the voluntary and private sectors, schools and colleges, or members of our local community.

We are a major 'anchor institution' in our city region of Greater Manchester. Our Inspiring Communities plan sets out how we can inspire our local communities and how they inspire us. We have a range of strengths that can contribute to the development and wellbeing of our local communities, including our research, staff, students, visitor attractions, public events, business and employment opportunities. And these interactions inspire us to carry out great teaching, research and engagement.

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### Cultural and visitor attractions

Our inspirational cultural spaces and visitor attractions engage more than a million people each year with our world-leading collections and knowledge. These include:

- Manchester Museum: [www.museum.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.museum.manchester.ac.uk)
- The Whitworth: [www.whitworth.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.whitworth.manchester.ac.uk)
- Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre: [www.jodrellbank.net](http://www.jodrellbank.net)
- The John Rylands Library:  
[www.library.manchester.ac.uk/rylands](http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/rylands)

Also open to the public are:

- Martin Harris Centre for Music and Drama:  
[www.martinharriscentre.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.martinharriscentre.manchester.ac.uk)
- Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Resources Centre:  
[www.racearchive.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.racearchive.manchester.ac.uk)
- Sports facilities including the Manchester Aquatics Centre and Sugden Centre: [www.sport.manchester.ac.uk/facilities](http://www.sport.manchester.ac.uk/facilities)
- Manchester Academy venues, owned and run by our Students' Union [www.manchesteracademy.net](http://www.manchesteracademy.net)
- Contact, an independent theatre on the University's campus:  
[www.contactmcr.com](http://www.contactmcr.com)

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### Public events, programmes and activities

We organise events, festivals, talks, exhibitions, performances, concerts and family days and contribute to a wide range of television and radio programmes, partnering with people and organisations to share knowledge and resources. Examples include:

- Television programmes including BBC's Wonders and Stargazing Live series
- Manchester Histories: [www.manchesterhistoriesfestival.org.uk](http://www.manchesterhistoriesfestival.org.uk)
- Manchester Science Festival:  
[www.manchestersciencefestival.com](http://www.manchestersciencefestival.com)
- Bluedot Festival: [www.discoverthebluedot.com](http://www.discoverthebluedot.com)
- Manchester Literature Festival:  
[www.manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk](http://www.manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk)
- ScienceX activities in public shopping centres  
[www.scienceX.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.scienceX.manchester.ac.uk)  
[www.events.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.events.manchester.ac.uk)

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### Student volunteering

Our student volunteers support hundreds of community organisations through volunteering and outreach projects across Manchester, the UK and overseas.

[www.manchester.ac.uk/volunteers](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/volunteers)

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### Working with schools and colleges

We work closely with local schools and colleges to enhance fair educational opportunities, develop teachers and undertake educational research.

[www.manchester.ac.uk/schoolsandcolleges](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/schoolsandcolleges)

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### **Manchester Access Programme**

We want to recruit students who will be successful regardless of their educational and social background. The Manchester Access Programme targets and supports talented students from backgrounds currently under-represented in higher education.

[www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/aspiring-students/map](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/aspiring-students/map)

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### **Science and Engineering Education Research and Innovation Hub (SEERIH)**

Based in our Faculty of Science and Engineering, SEERIH focuses on the development of in-service teachers to inspire, fascinate and improve the teaching and learning of science in our schools today.

[www.fascinate.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.fascinate.manchester.ac.uk)

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### **Centre for Engagement and Involvement**

Aimed at researchers, teaching and learning staff and postgraduate students in the Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health, our Centre for Engagement and Involvement provides a one-stop shop for information, advice, networking and opportunities about engagement and involvement.

[www.bmh.manchester.ac.uk/about/social-responsibility](http://www.bmh.manchester.ac.uk/about/social-responsibility)

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### **Research institutes, networks and community engagement**

**A wide range of the University's research institutes and networks undertake public and community engagement on specific events and activities. Examples include:**

- Manchester Urban Institute: [www.mui.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.mui.manchester.ac.uk)
  - Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing (MICRA): [www.micra.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.micra.manchester.ac.uk)
  - Centre for Dynamics of Ethnicity (CODE): [www.cities.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.cities.manchester.ac.uk)
  - Global Development Institute (GDI): [www.gdi.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.gdi.manchester.ac.uk)
  - Tyndall Centre for Climate Change: [www.tyndall.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.tyndall.manchester.ac.uk)
  - Multilingual Manchester: [www.mlm.humanities.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.mlm.humanities.manchester.ac.uk)
  - Sustainable Consumption Institute (SCI): [www.sci.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.sci.manchester.ac.uk)
  - Manchester Academic Health Science Centre (MAHSC): [www.mahsc.ac.uk](http://www.mahsc.ac.uk)
  - Policy@Manchester: [www.policy.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.policy.manchester.ac.uk)
  - Manchester Energy: [www.energy.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.energy.manchester.ac.uk)
  - Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute: [www.hcri.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.hcri.manchester.ac.uk)
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## Priority 4: Responsible processes

Our processes and policies aim to balance efficiency with opportunities to create social, economic and environmental benefit.

### Signature programme

#### THE WORKS

Many people across our local communities face challenges in accessing employment opportunities. As one of the largest employers in our region, with several hundred non-academic job vacancies each year, we've proactively established a multi award-winning employment and skills facility called The Works. Developed with the support of the Manchester Growth Company, The Works is a 'one-stop shop' facility based in a local community setting, providing thousands of people with ring-fenced access to training,

advice and job opportunities – both at The University of Manchester and with a host of other partner employers. This facility is unique in British higher education, has transformed thousands of lives, and is the only employer-led employment and skills facility in the North-West of England.

[www.theworksmanchester.co.uk](http://www.theworksmanchester.co.uk)



Programmes, activities and policies in areas such as human resources, construction and procurement all contribute to our social responsibility goals.

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### Responsible procurement

We take a net-positive approach to procurement, maximising the positive social, environmental and economic impacts gained through what we purchase and aiming to minimise those that are negative. We've led the higher education sector in developing a Supplier Engagement Tool, used a Flexible Framework to embed responsibility into procurement and committed to Fairtrade and Workers Rights Consortium accords to protect the conditions of food and garment workers through our supply chain.

[www.procurement.manchester.ac.uk/procurementexcellence/responsible-procurement](http://www.procurement.manchester.ac.uk/procurementexcellence/responsible-procurement)

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### Staff volunteering and public service

We've established policies to ensure staff can commit to public service, for example as a school governor, a justice of the peace, local authority councillor or on a health authority. We also encourage staff to take social action, for example through becoming a Dementia Friend, proficiency in life-saving CPR, Give and Gain Day and charitable initiatives such as Giving Tuesday and the Greater Manchester Run.

[www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/employment/leave-work-arrangements/special-public-leave](http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/employment/leave-work-arrangements/special-public-leave)

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### Equality and diversity

We commit to exceed our obligations under equality legislation and benefit from the diversity of our staff and student body. We support specialist forums for staff who are disabled, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, black, Asian and minority ethnic, international, women, or with specific religions and/or beliefs. We lead award-winning initiatives to counteract all forms of bullying or harassment and oversee gender and race charters for the advancement of female and black, Asian and minority ethnic staff.

[www.manchester.ac.uk/equalityanddiversity](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/equalityanddiversity)

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### Give As You Earn scheme

We make it easy for staff to give tax-free regular donations to the charities of their choice direct from their pay, making a vital difference to people, causes and communities across the UK and the world.

[www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/employment/benefits-rewards/give-as-you-earn](http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/employment/benefits-rewards/give-as-you-earn)

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### Ethics Framework

Our Ethics Framework is a set of guidelines on areas such as declarations of interest, outside work, gift oversight, transparency, freedom of speech, promoting equality and dignity at work, teaching and learning, fair admissions, academic quality and progression, student representation, collaborative provision, research integrity and intellectual property, socially-responsible investment, procurement, academic freedom and research ethics.

<http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/DocuInfo.aspx?DocID=24640>

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### Construction and social responsibility

We are investing more than £1 billion to create a world-class campus for staff and students. Through co-developing social responsibility plans with our major construction partners, we're ensuring that the development of our campus creates significant opportunities for employment, trading, community and educational development that will benefit local communities, staff and students.



## Priority 5: Environmental sustainability

Our environmental sustainability vision is to use our full range of knowledge and influence to support a world that is environmentally sustainable.

### Signature programme

#### 10,000 ACTIONS

Developed at The University of Manchester, 10,000 Actions is the UK's largest environmental sustainability initiative for staff in higher education. Many things our staff do in work are already contributing to a more sustainable society. 10,000 Actions supports them to do

even more by giving them the chance to learn and take action on sustainability in The University of Manchester.

[www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/staff/10000actions](http://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/staff/10000actions)



The impact we have through our research, students, processes and engagement can help lead the way to a truly sustainable world, from the heart of Oxford Road to the very edge of the universe. Our strategy for sustainability sets out steps to realise this opportunity as part of our third goal of social responsibility, where we seek to make a difference to society and the environment. See our 'Get involved' section for more information on what you can do.

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#### **Research with impact**

We are at the forefront of tackling key global challenges such as climate change, population growth, rapid urbanisation, overconsumption, food and water security, loss of biodiversity and pollution. Our research also contributes to sustainability challenges closer to home, working in partnership with organisations across Manchester and the North West to help improve the quality of our environment and peoples' lives.

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#### **Socially-responsible graduates**

We're equipping all students with knowledge and experience to positively contribute to our world as professionals, leaders and citizens of tomorrow. Through a wide range of our teaching programmes, initiatives such as the Ethical Grand Challenges programme, volunteering, programmes and projects, the University is providing our students with the opportunities to gain understanding and experience to tread lightly on our planet.

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#### **Responsible processes**

We're ensuring our organisational processes, such as our £1 billion campus development programme, procurement, and energy and resource management, are creating opportunities for the efficient use of natural resources, with the additional benefits of financial savings and an environment that enhances health and wellbeing.

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#### **Engaging our communities**

We are engaging with staff, students and alumni to embed a culture of environmental sustainability, and partnering with people and organisations in pursuit of shared goals around sustainability. We support our community of over 50,000 staff and students to become more informed and take action on sustainability.

**[www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk)**

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# Making a difference since 1824

We are based in the original modern city, home of the Industrial Revolution. Established by the people of Manchester, our roots in nineteenth century England are tied to workers' education at the Manchester Mechanics Institute, the arts and sciences of Owens College and in teaching doctors to treat the sick. We have continually shaped society and broken down barriers to progress.

Our Law graduate Christabel Pankhurst helped advance women's suffrage and the nuclear age was born in Manchester, when pioneering research led Ernest Rutherford to split the atom.

We were the first English university to admit without regard to religious tests and we employed Britain's first black professor, the Nobel Prize winner Arthur Lewis.

The computer revolution was born in Manchester in 1948 when Tom Kilburn and Freddie Williams built the world's first stored program computer. A young Sir Bernard Lovell built the world's largest steerable radio telescope just after the Second World War at Jodrell Bank. And our first female academic, Marie Stopes, advocated birth control for women.



**1824**  
Manchester Mechanics Institute forms for mechanics' and artisans' education



**1874**  
Owens College introduces the first course for women



**1904**  
Marie Stopes, birth control pioneer, becomes Manchester's first female academic

**1905**  
The UK's first Faculty of Technology is established in Manchester

**1909**  
Geiger demonstrates the existence of the atomic nucleus

1820 1830 1840 1850 1860 1870 1880 1890 1900 1910

**1851**  
Owens College forms with no religious tests for admission

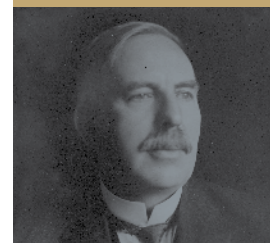


**1895**  
The Manchester Settlement establishes in Ancoats as a community outreach centre



**1906**  
Suffragette Christabel Pankhurst graduates with a degree in law

**1917**  
Rutherford splits the atom in Manchester



Our former students have had distinguishable impact on society. Roy Chadwick designed the Lancaster bomber before Norman Foster redesigned the Reichstag for a united Germany. Irene Khan has led Amnesty International's fight for human rights whilst Anthony Burgess and Alison Uttley have made significant contributions to our literary culture.

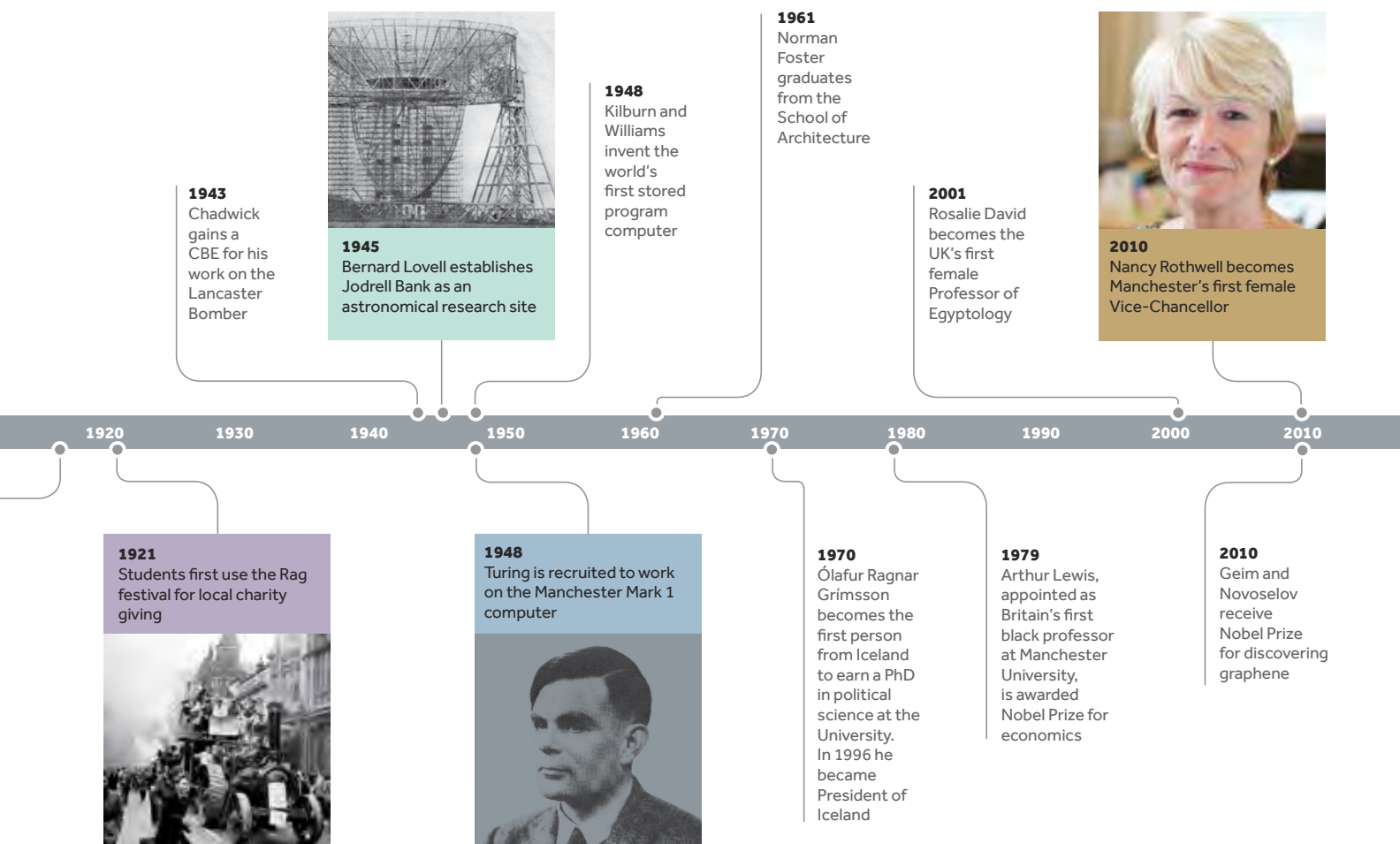
Today we continue to build on this rich legacy of making a difference. Our President and Vice-Chancellor Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell is the UK's first University leader to place social responsibility as a core goal. We are capturing the public's imagination through the television programmes of Professor Brian Cox. Our Nobel Prize winners Sir Andre Geim

and Sir Kostoya Novoselov are developing the wonder material graphene. And we are addressing grand societal challenges through our research in the fields of sustainable energy, fighting disease and poverty.

To find out more about the University's history and heritage, to get involved or come on a heritage tour of the campus visit:

➤ [www.manchester.ac.uk/heritage](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/heritage)

➤ <http://ddar.manchester.ac.uk/memories/timeline2.html>



# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

We are committed to measuring the difference we are making to society through rigorous planning, monitoring and evaluation. This allows us to focus resources on areas where we can make the most impact.



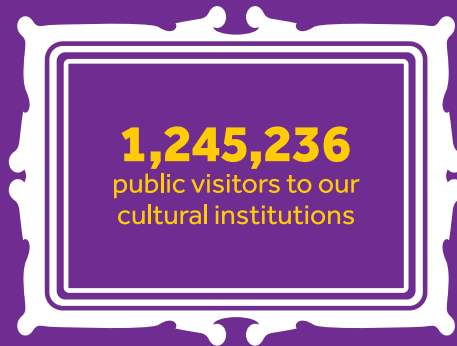
**1,344**

local students progressed to our University through our Manchester Access Programme



**181**

students from developing countries supported through our Equity and Merit programme

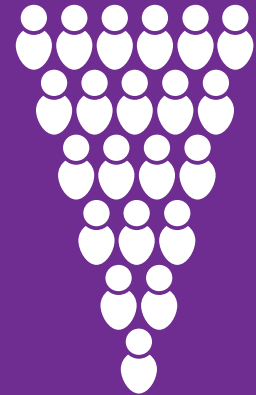


**1,245,236**

public visitors to our cultural institutions

**£23.5m**

invested in widening participation into higher education



**3**

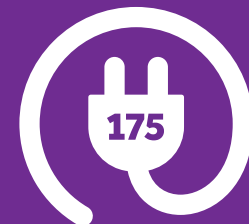
university goals - one of which is Social Responsibility



**3,000**

staff supported via equality networks

Supporting sustainable travel



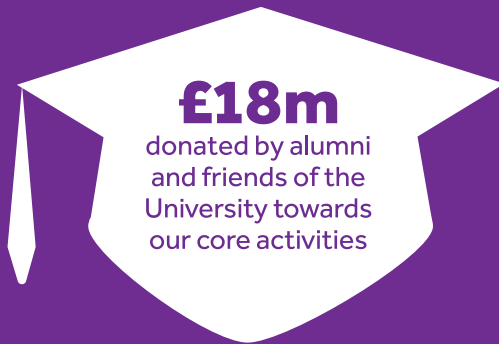
business trips using our electric pool car



**2,941**

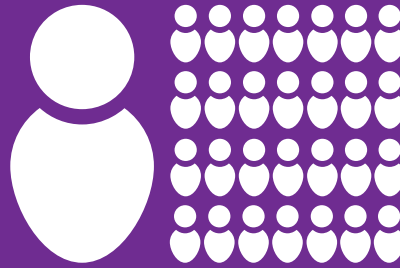
local residents supported back into work (saving £44 million to the region since 2011)





**£18m**

donated by alumni and friends of the University towards our core activities



**514**

staff and alumni are school governors impacting on 231,300 learners

**£23k**

spent on local organic seasonal vegetables, supporting cooperative food growing around Manchester



**1,252**

student volunteers making a difference in the local community



**386**

societies formed by students reaching out to our local and global communities

## 5 Research Beacons

Addressing major global challenges

- CANCER • ENERGY •
- ADDRESSING INEQUALITIES •
- ADVANCED MATERIALS •
- INDUSTRIAL BIOTECHNOLOGY •



**£500k+**

raised for charities by students each year

More information on our impact, including independent evaluations of our work, can be found at [www.socialresponsibility.manchester.ac.uk/impact](http://www.socialresponsibility.manchester.ac.uk/impact)

# Get involved, make a difference

Whether you are a member of staff, a student or an alumnus, there are many ways to become involved in social responsibility programmes and make a difference.



MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE  
**STAFF**

- **Become a school governor and make a difference to a local state school**

[www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/umsgi](http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/umsgi)

- **Take part in the 10,000 Actions programme**

[www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/staff/10000actions](http://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/staff/10000actions)

- **Support the Ethical Grand Challenges programme by delivering workshops to students**

[www.egc.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.egc.manchester.ac.uk)

- **Become a Dementia Friend or Dementia Friend Champion**

[www.manchester.ac.uk/dementiafriends](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/dementiafriends)

- **Volunteer in your local community**

[www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/employment/benefits-rewards/social-responsibility/staff-volunteering/voluntarywork](http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/employment/benefits-rewards/social-responsibility/staff-volunteering/voluntarywork)

- **Engage the public through events, talks, festivals and open days**

[www.engagement.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.engagement.manchester.ac.uk)

- **Engage policy-makers with your research**

[www.policy.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.policy.manchester.ac.uk)

- **Become a Sustainability Champion**

[www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/staff/champions](http://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/staff/champions)

- **Contribute to enhancing and enjoying our living campus**

[www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/staff/livingcampus](http://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/staff/livingcampus)

- **Join a Green Impact Team and transform your workplace**

[www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/staff/greenimpact/](http://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/staff/greenimpact/)

- **Travel to work more sustainably**

[www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/staff/travel](http://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/staff/travel)

- **Make your laboratory more sustainable**

[www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/staff/labs](http://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/staff/labs)

- **Apply research and teaching ideas to our 'living laboratory' campus**

[www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/staff/livinglabs](http://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/staff/livinglabs)

- **Join a network for promoting staff equality and diversity**

[www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/services/equality-and-diversity](http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/services/equality-and-diversity)

- **Advise or mentor a Manchester Access Programme student**

[www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/map](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/map)



MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE  
PUBLIC

➤ **Manchester Museum**

Visit our Museum on Oxford Road with the dinosaurs, mummies and live animals. We also have loads of other great stuff from the natural world and different cultures, including those of Egypt, Rome and Greece.

[www.museum.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.museum.manchester.ac.uk)

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➤ **The Whitworth**

Visit our multi award-winning art gallery following its £15 million redevelopment and expansion. Home to more than 55,000 works of art, ranging from textiles to some of the most famous British watercolours, The Whitworth is an engaging 21st century space with a greater connection to the surrounding parkland.

[www.whitworth.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.whitworth.manchester.ac.uk)

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➤ **Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre**

Have a great day out for all the family at our Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre. You can explore the wonders of the universe and learn more about the workings of the giant Lovell Telescope. We also welcome thousands of music lovers each summer for our award-winning Bluedot festival.

[www.jodrellbank.net](http://www.jodrellbank.net)

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➤ **The John Rylands Library**

Be inspired by our Grade I listed Neo-Gothic John Rylands Library, housing 250,000 printed volumes and more than a million manuscripts and archival items. Exhibitions and one-off events take place throughout the year for all the public.

[www.library.manchester.ac.uk/rylands](http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/rylands)

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➤ **Martin Harris Centre for Music and Drama**

Come and see a performance at our Martin Harris Centre.

[www.martinharriscentre.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.martinharriscentre.manchester.ac.uk)

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➤ **Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Resource Centre**

Visit our Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Resource Centre in Manchester's Central Library, an open access library specialising in the study of race, ethnicity and migration. The centre uses its resources to engage communities with the knowledge they need to promote anti-racism.

[www.racearchive.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.racearchive.manchester.ac.uk)

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➤ **Sports facilities**

Come and use our shared sports facilities such as the Manchester Aquatics and Sugden Centres.

[www.sport.manchester.ac.uk/facilities](http://www.sport.manchester.ac.uk/facilities)

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➤ **Manchester Academy**

Join hundreds of thousands of music lovers at our three Manchester Academy venues.

[www.manchesteracademy.net](http://www.manchesteracademy.net)

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➤ **Contact Theatre**

Come to an event at Contact, an independent theatre on the University's campus with young people at the heart of everything they do.

[www.contactmcr.com](http://www.contactmcr.com)

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➤ **University events, talks and exhibitions**

Participate in a University event, from public lectures, panel discussions, debates to exhibitions.

[www.socialresponsibility.manchester.ac.uk/events](http://www.socialresponsibility.manchester.ac.uk/events)  
[events.manchester.ac.uk](http://events.manchester.ac.uk)

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➤ **University history and heritage**

Find out about how we've shaped the world through our history. We actively encourage the public and our academic communities to find out more about our past and get involved with our activities.

[www.manchester.ac.uk/discover/history-heritage/get-involved](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/discover/history-heritage/get-involved)

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➤ **Explore employment opportunities**

There are more than 12,000 employees at the University – from academic, management and professional roles to positions in research, technical, security, catering, maintenance, administration and more. We also run a dedicated employment support centre in a neighbouring community called The Works.

[www.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/jobs](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/jobs)  
[www.theworksmanchester.co.uk](http://www.theworksmanchester.co.uk)

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MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE  
**ALUMNI**

- **Make a difference in education and support our signature School Governor Initiative**

<https://your.manchester.ac.uk/get-involved/volunteer/volunteer-in-your-community>

- **Unlock potential by supporting access to higher education through our signature Equity and Merit programme or Manchester Access Programme**

[www.manchester.ac.uk/collaborate/support](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/collaborate/support)

- **Support and inspire current students through presentations, advice, mentoring and events**

[www.manchester.ac.uk/collaborate/support/volunteering](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/collaborate/support/volunteering)

- **Support one of our priorities on access, energy and sustainability, graphene and enterprise, healthy futures, poverty and humanitarianism or our world class campus**

[www.manchester.ac.uk/collaborate/support](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/collaborate/support)

- **Start an alumni network in your own country**

<https://your.manchester.ac.uk/get-involved/global-networks>

- **Re-connect with your former state school to help the future generation**

<https://your.manchester.ac.uk/get-involved/volunteer/volunteer-in-your-community>



MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE  
STUDENTS

## Stellify

Learn without boundaries, understand the issues that matter,  
and step up to make a difference

[www.stellify.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.stellify.manchester.ac.uk)

- ▶ **Volunteer in the local community**  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/volunteers](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/volunteers)
- ▶ **Be inspired by a course outside your discipline in University College**  
[www.college.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.college.manchester.ac.uk)
- ▶ **Join or start your own society**  
[manchesterstudentsunion.com/groups](http://manchesterstudentsunion.com/groups)
- ▶ **Stand for election**  
[manchesterstudentsunion.com](http://manchesterstudentsunion.com)
- ▶ **Get involved in Raising and Giving**  
[manchesterstudentsunion.com/rag](http://manchesterstudentsunion.com/rag)
- ▶ **Start a social enterprise**  
<http://socialenterprise.umip.com>
- ▶ **Become a peer mentor**  
[www.peersupport.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.peersupport.manchester.ac.uk)
- ▶ **Volunteer on a wide range of sustainability activities**  
[www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/students/volunteering](http://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/students/volunteering)
- ▶ **Join a student group on sustainability**  
[www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/students/ppgroup](http://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/students/ppgroup)
- ▶ **Keep track of biodiversity on campus**  
[www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/students/umapit](http://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/students/umapit)
- ▶ **Get involved with growing food in local communities**  
[www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/students/iesm](http://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/students/iesm)
- ▶ **Make your hall more sustainable**  
[www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/students/halls](http://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/students/halls)
- ▶ **Choose sustainable food and drink**  
[www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/students/food](http://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/students/food)
- ▶ **Get on your bike**  
[www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/students/bikegroup](http://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/students/bikegroup)
- ▶ **Train as an Environmental Auditor on campus**  
[www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/students/greenimpact](http://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/students/greenimpact)
- ▶ **Become an environmental representative in your halls of residence**  
[www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/students/hallsrep](http://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/students/hallsrep)



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## Social Media

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 [www.facebook.com/SocialResponsibilityUoM](https://www.facebook.com/SocialResponsibilityUoM)

 [www.twitter.com/SocialResponUoM](https://www.twitter.com/SocialResponUoM)

 [bit.ly/socialresponUoM](https://bit.ly/socialresponUoM)

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## Newsletter

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[www.socialresponsibility.manchester.ac.uk/about/get-in-touch/](http://www.socialresponsibility.manchester.ac.uk/about/get-in-touch/)

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