

ESRC Impact Accelerator Account (IAA) Round 2

The Quarry Bank Project

Professor Hannah Barker (School of Arts, Languages and Cultures) received an ESRC IAA Staff Exchange award to work with the National Trust to contribute to an ongoing £9.4 million expansion and (re)interpretation project at Quarry Bank Mill in Cheshire, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the National Trust.

Value of award - £18,275

Working-Class Youth Voice and Inter-generational Justice in Manchester's Devolution

Dr Sarah Marie Hall and Dr Laura Pottinger (School of Environment, Education and Development) received an ESRC IAA Research into Practice award to work with RECLAIM Project Ltd to evaluate the impacts of RECLAIM's Team Future project and to encourage meaningful and sustained youth engagement in discussions about and transitions toward the Northern Powerhouse and Devo-Manc.

Value of award - £33,559

Administrative Justice: engaging with government to improve administrative decision-making

Professor Robert Thomas, professor of law, used ESRC IAA funding to explore how government bodies supervise their decision-making and seek to make better decisions, to develop a set of agreed principles to inform systems of internal review, and to provide a clearer picture as to how public bodies can promote good initial decisions. A literature review, one day policy seminar and research report were produced, drawing on the input of policy-makers from across government.

Value of award - £5,000

Race at Work: communicating research through storytelling

Professor James Nazroo (School of Social Sciences) was awarded an ESRC IAA Research into Practice Fund with Business in the Community (BiTC) to communicate the qualitative findings of the Race At Work survey research funded by BiTC, through the production of short films and graphic novels, and the dissemination of these materials to the public, employee representative organisations and employers who support the BiTC network.

Value of award - £30,205

Shirley Baker exhibition: creative photo engagement project

Professor Penny Tinkler (School of Social Sciences) was awarded an ESRC IAA Rapid Response Fund with Anna Douglas to develop the potential of an exhibition at Manchester Art Gallery of Shirley Baker's photos to make visible the history of marginalised local communities via pre-exhibition public workshops and interviews to creating new personal and collective histories for inclusion in the exhibition.

Value of award - £2,470

Manchester's Environment Map: Online (MEMO)

Professor Richard Kingston (School of Environment, Education and Development) was awarded an ESRC IAA Research into Practice Fund with Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), Manchester Climate Change Agency (MCCA) and City of Trees (CoT) to develop an online mapping platform to share information on the location, benefits and public values of Green Infrastructure (GI) projects in Greater Manchester (GM), to facilitate strategic planning.

Value of award - £10,350

Exploring the opportunities for, and likely consequences of, disruptive technologies within the legal sector

Dr Alan Cunningham (School of Law) was awarded an ESRC IAA Relationship Building Fund with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP to scope the potential of a new and distinctive multidisciplinary research theme that will explore the impact of the current and emerging technological landscape on the provision of legal services.

Value of award - £10,000

Managing spontaneous volunteers in the response and recovery to natural disasters

Professor Duncan Shaw (Alliance Manchester Business School) received a Research into Practice award to help countries to manage Spontaneous Volunteers (SVs) following disasters in Argentina, Chile and Serbia. Plans and policies have been developed for national and local government, and a training package is now available. This work implements his International Standard (ISO22319: Guidelines for planning the involvement of spontaneous volunteers in disasters).

Value of award - £21,750

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