

# staff update

## Viewpoint – get involved in the discussion

### New blog for staff to discuss our University and the higher education sector

A new blog called Viewpoint has launched for colleagues to discuss and debate topics to do with both our University and higher education.

The Senior Leadership Team, Professional Services Leadership Team and Faculty Leadership Teams from our University will regularly share posts on Viewpoint. Each post will vary but all will be conversation starters, and you are invited to get involved in the discussion by commenting on posts – blog authors will be available to respond and engage with your comments.

#### How do I access Viewpoint?

Visit:

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

on your smart phone or a computer.

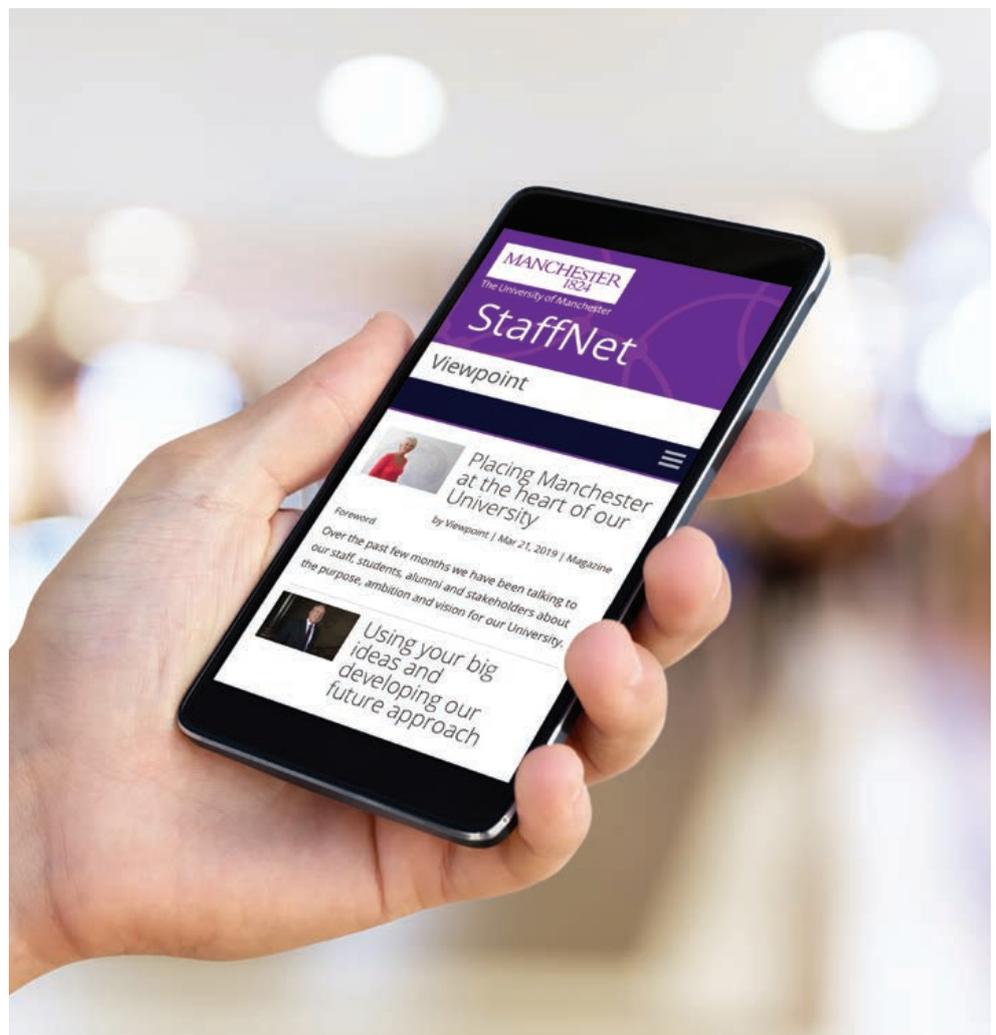
#### How do I submit a comment?

At the end of each blog post there will be an option to leave a comment. Make sure you check back to keep involved in the conversation.

Discussion and debate is welcomed and we want to make sure everyone feels able to contribute. All comments will therefore be moderated before being published.

#### How will I find out about new posts?

We will promote new posts via Staff Update and your team brief.



## Invitation from President and Vice-Chancellor, Nancy Rothwell

### Open meeting for staff with Nancy and Senior Leadership Team

Dear Colleagues,

All staff are invited to join me and the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) for an open meeting on:

- Tuesday, 4 June in Theatre B, University Place, 1.30-2.30pm

This is an opportunity to hear from us about our shared priorities, future opportunities and

challenges. There will be an SLT panel Q&A session and you are encouraged to get involved in discussions and ask questions on the day.

If there is a particular topic or issue you'd like to hear more about, inform your manager or submit it via the link below:

 [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/president-meetings](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/president-meetings)

Sign up for the event by informing your manager or by visiting:

 [www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/open-meetings](http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/open-meetings)

We very much hope you can join us.

Best wishes,  
Nancy Rothwell, President and Vice-Chancellor

# President's message

11 April 2019

We held our biennial celebration to recognise and thank many of our donors with a number of events across the University. Our generous donors transform the opportunities for our students, our research and our environment.

We had a reception to formally welcome the new Chinese Consul, General Zheng Xiyuan. I spoke about our many partnerships with China and our growing number of Chinese students. The Consul General gave a very generous speech noting the University's support for students from China then met staff involved in international research, education and business engagement.

I spoke at an event for our emeritus professors, many of whom are still very involved in our University. I talked of the challenges and opportunities to the higher education sector but also of our many successes and the emerging plans for Innovation District Manchester (ID Manchester - our North Campus).

I was interviewed by the Financial Times about our aspirations for ID Manchester, our close relationship with the city, the wider growth of the city-region and the extensive interest in ID Manchester from potential partners.

Senior colleagues and I had a tour of the annexe to the Schuster Building, developed to increase teaching spaces and student study places for the School of Physics and Astronomy with significant external funding.

I visited the University's Public Engagement (PE) Team and Champions from across the University

to discuss their activities and support. We hold the first and only 'Gold Watermark' for PE and are very anxious to keep it and attain platinum.

At our Awards and Honours Group, which I chair, we considered the many amazing nominations for honorary doctorates and University Medal of Honour awards.

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I am not a fan of league tables (because most have flaws) but it's hard to ignore a new one (the THE University Impact Rankings) where we come third in the world and top in the UK and Europe!

I met with our staff and students in the Schools of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Health Sciences and Biological Sciences. I also travelled to the University of Keele to give a public lecture to the Keele World Affairs lecture series on 'The Role of Universities in the 21st Century'.

Professor Graham Lord, Vice-President and Dean of the Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health, and I met with Sir Mike Deegan, Chief Executive of Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MFT), and his colleagues to discuss their ambitious plans for development of the multiple MFT sites.

I met Raj Jain, the newly appointed Chief Executive of the Northern Care Alliance, which includes Salford Royal Foundation Trust, to consider stronger alignment and collaboration in research and education and investments in staff and infrastructure.

Juergen Maier, Chief Executive Officer of Siemens UK, and I met to discuss the national industrial



strategy (we are both members of the Industrial Strategy Council), the Greater Manchester Local Industrial Strategy which we co-chaired and collaboration between our University and Siemens.

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive of Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), visited to discuss partnership with the city and GMCA on our developments such as ID Manchester, and our next Strategic Plan. We also discussed how we can best work with GMCA on key areas such as research, skills, infrastructure, transport and health.

And I gave first year lectures to biology students – very well attended with several questions!

## Updates for EU citizens

### Voting in the European Parliament elections and a reminder that the EU settlement scheme is now fully open.

Staff from some non-UK EU countries who wish to vote in the forthcoming European Parliament elections on Thursday, 23 May need to complete an additional form in order to be registered before Tuesday, 7 May.

As well as being registered to vote, these voters must also complete the European Parliament voter registration form if they wish to vote in the UK in this election.

Further information and a link to the form can be found at:

[www.gov.uk/elections-in-the-uk/european-parliament](http://www.gov.uk/elections-in-the-uk/european-parliament)

In addition, the Home Office has now fully opened its EU Settlement Scheme, which is free.

The scheme's pilot phase had a £65 fee attached, which the University refunded. The Government is now reimbursing the £65. If you are one of the people who claimed the £65 through University expenses, we will be writing to you individually to let you know how you can repay this.

For more information, visit:

<https://eucitizensrights.campaign.gov.uk/>

We understand that the current political process is creating great uncertainty for many members of our community and we will continue to provide updates as soon as we are able.



## Staff Benefits

### Explore the benefits of working here

The University offers its staff a huge range of benefits.

Make the most of your staff benefits by visiting StaffNet and registering for Wider Wallet, a private discount and benefits package that you have privileged access to. You can sign up at:

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

For a full staff benefits round-up, visit:

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

And send your feedback and suggestions to:

[staffbenefits@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:staffbenefits@manchester.ac.uk)

The University is committed to providing a healthy working environment and improving the quality of working lives for all staff. Find out more via the University's Staff Wellbeing website:

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