

Press release : Get Inspired by Nature at Manchester Museum

Images attached. Captions:

- *Get inspired by nature at Manchester Museum*
- *Stan the T-Rex at Manchester Museum*

GET INSPIRED BY NATURE AT MANCHESTER MUSEUM THIS SUMMER

Families and adults can enjoy a season of events themed around the natural world at Manchester Museum, part of The University of Manchester, this summer.

People's perceptions of the natural world changed during pandemic¹ and now that COVID19 restrictions are easing, the museum wants to remind people how important green spaces and wildlife are to wellbeing.

The series of events, titled Force of Nature, will run from 26 July – 29 August and celebrate the museum's incredible collection of over 4.5 million objects, including live frogs and lizards, plants, insect specimens, and Stan the T-rex.

Highlights include nature-inspired upcycling workshops for families and adults, guided online craft sessions from paper flower making to origami, and a comic creation workshop.

Visitors can also experience We Are Nature, two immersive sound and art installations in the galleries that provide creative responses to the question ‘how does nature make you feel?’

Esme Ward, Director of Manchester Museum, said:

“During lockdown, our connection to the natural world was given a renewed sense of importance, as many of us sought out green spaces as a place of sanctuary and calm. Force of Nature celebrates the beauty and joy we find in nature and also reminds us that if we continue to love, value and care for it, we can build a more sustainable world.”

The museum is open Wednesday – Sunday from 10am –5pm. On Wednesday and Fridays priority tickets are available between 10am -11am for those who need to visit at a quieter time.

All events are free and ticketed and need to be booked in advance. To book, visit: please visit mmfromhome.com

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Notes to Editors

About Manchester Museum

Manchester Museum, part of The University of Manchester, first opened in 1890. It is the UK's largest university museum with a collection of about 4.5 million items from every continent. Its combination of the academic and the popular is what makes the Museum so distinctive and lies at the heart of its widespread appeal. The Museum's vision is to build understanding between cultures and a sustainable world. Every year over half a million people visit. Manchester Museum is working towards an exciting new £13.5 million project *hello future*, to transform and develop the Museum becoming more inclusive, imaginative and relevant to the diverse communities it serves.

The *hello future* transformation includes:

- A beautiful two-storey extension
- A new Exhibition Hall
- South Asia Gallery
- Lee Kai Hung Chinese Culture Gallery
- Belonging Gallery
- A new space for learning and environmental action
- New entrance and visitor facilities with focus on inclusive and accessible design

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