



What have we achieved so far in the Flexible Learning Programme?

2024



December

Jisc Digital Insights Surveys 23/24 results

Jisc Digital Experience Insights Surveys
Student and colleague responses to the Jisc
Digital Experience Insights 2023-24 survey
were shared with students, colleagues and
leaders, highlighting mixed opinions on users'
digital experiences. This survey data will inform
initiatives and projects already in development
to improve the University's digital landscape.

November

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Pilot Digital Equity Fund for students launched

Following the launch of the Digital Equity Charter, £100 000 from the Manchester Access and Success Fund has been awarded to the Access and Success Team to implement a <u>pilot scheme</u>, <u>providing laptop vouchers worth £250 each for students</u>.

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November

Digital Capability Student Reps

The Student Union's second cohort of Digital Capability Reps had their induction in partnership with the Digital Skills workstream following success of last year's pilot introduction of this new Student Rep role.





	October 59
	Jisc Digital Insights Surveys 24/25 open
October	Surveys launched for students, professional services staff, and teaching and learning staff for 2024/25. The surveys are used to provide feedback and help inform improvements to
THE Summit 2024	enhance everyone's digital University experience.
·Prof. Simon Thomson and Prof. Ang Davies delivered a <u>Times Higher Education</u> <u>Academic Summit session</u> about Microcredentials	October
	Canvas first technical release success
	The first of three <u>technical releases of Canvas</u> successfully took place w/c Monday 30 September provisioning Canvas access to identified
October Access to LinkedIn Learning now	programmes to begin building selected courses.
Access to LinkedIn Learning now available for all students and staff	T
·All staff and students can now <u>access LinkedIn</u> <u>Learning</u> for personal and professional development, as part of the Programme's pilot, evaluated until June 2026.	October Assessment Toolkit staff launch
	The <u>Assessment Toolkit</u> is an online resource for developing assessment and feedback practice for our students. For our teaching focussed staff, we hope this will be helpful tool to support your role at the
54 October	University.
Booth Street East Student event	7
·At Booth Street East, we hosted our launch event for students, including building tours, taster sessions for the VR and podcasting suites. The	
event showcased the fantastic teaching and learning facilities and spaces on offer.	September 53
learning raciillues and spaces on other.	Jisc digital transformation maturity model
	pilot podcast and case study published
September	The Flexible Learning Programme successfully piloted Jisc's digital transformation maturity model to support
Digital Equity Charter	the implementation of the CLE. Find out more by
·We launched <u>the Digital Equity Charter</u> dedicated to students, which sets out the University's commitment to	listening to the <u>podcast</u> and reading the <u>member story</u> .
supporting students' digital equity	





Booth Street East Teaching space event We launched the Booth Street East Teaching Innovation space event for staff where we May showcased our innovative facilities including VR **Demonstrating Digital Transformation** and podcasting suites. ·We co-hosted the Demonstrating Digital Transformation event with Jisc where senior higher education leaders across the nation came **April** together on University campus. Jisc Digital Experience Insights Surveys closed Nearly 400 students and over 400 staff April completed the surveys voicing their feedback and opinions on the university's **Tender with Executive Education in AMBS** digital experience. to provide training to 4200 learners We have supported a tender with ExecEd to **April** provide line management training to 4200 learners worth £4.2 million within the civil service -**Introduced Digital Champions student** supported by KPMG. volunteering opportunity In partnership with Manchester City Council and March the Flexible Learning Programme, a new student volunteering opportunity is available to support Flexible Learning Teaching digitally excluded people in Manchester. **Innovation Space** We opened our permanent Flexible Learning Innovation Space, where a range of innovative March teaching and learning facilities are available including virtual reality suites, lifelong learning suites and more. **Microsoft Certifications Pilot** We launched the introduction of Microsoft Fundamentals Certifications for students to March support their digital skills development and employability and better understand the demand **Greater Manchester Civic Panel on** for industry recognised certifications. **Lifelong Learning** Our Lifelong Learning team, in partnership with The Greater Manchester Civil Panel and Public First, held an March evening discussion focused on lifelong learning. This Lifelong Learning Alumni Survey, and activity forms part of the Lifelong Learning Business the Strategic and KTP Partner Survey Insight Plan. Our alumni survey, with 666 responses, provides **February** valuable insights on key skills areas and preferred 41 learning styles. The strategic and KTP partner 'Optionality in Assessment' survey involved creating an online questionnaire project completed tailored for Learning & Development leads of 15 We completed our project, exploring the strategic partners and 15 KTP partners. feasibility and practicality of students having choice in their assessment, with 12 case studies published online along with two media

resources.

May





February Manchester announced as UNESCO City of Lifelong Learning We are pleased to be leading the lifelong learning approach **February** and to have contributed to the successful bid. To address the challenges around accessing talent and sector-specific digital Our Digital Learning Service (DLS) skills, our programme will lead on the development of design approved Manchester's Digital Skills Framework (MDSF). After extensive collaboration, our design for the DLS January - February has been approved. The DLS will act as a wrapper around the existing digital learning teams and Elearning teams receive access to structures across the University. We provided our eLearning teams with early access to **January - February** Canvas, our new Central Learning Environment, to start testing and familiarising with the interface. Provided by **New Digital Capability Student Rep role** Instructure, our Pedagogy group and eLearning teams also in partnership with the Students' Union completed their fundamentals training for Canvas. In collaboration with the Students' Union, we created a new Rep role to help embed, champion and cascade development and recognition opportunities relating to digital capabilities. 2023 **December Discovery Days with Instructure** Colleagues, from Instructure and our University, came together to understand the supplier's **November** preferred ways of working and approach to implementation as well as UoM providing more We announced Canvas as our new of an insight into the University landscape Central Learning Environment (CLE) After extensive engagement with staff and November students, Canvas will be replacing Blackboard in 2025. Launched the **Jisc Digital Experience Insights Surveys** To improve and advance the University's digital November experience, we launched this survey in

Initial developments of the software

We've started the first steps of the software ecosystem workstream, which will handle all the teaching and learning tools we use outside of the

ecosystem workstream

Central Learning Environment.

partnership with Jisc to our students, teaching

staff and professional services.