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# Meeting with VAWG Minister

We facilitated a meeting between The University of Manchester's Dr Caroline Miles and Jess Phillips MP, Minister for Safeguarding and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), along with Jess Asato MP.

Dr Miles, Senior Lecturer in Criminology, shared her research on the abuse women runners face in Greater Manchester and Merseyside, with over two-thirds of women runners experiencing abuse, but only 5% reporting it to the police.

She stated that women runners need to be treated as a distinct group in the government's upcoming VAWG strategy. Dr Miles also calls for national campaigns aimed at changing the behaviours of boys and men and increasing women's confidence in the police and public safety apps.

[Read full article here](#)







# Greater Manchester Policy Fellows summer meeting

In July, we brought together our GM Policy Fellows to discuss how they are getting on with the fellowship scheme, and what their plans are for the rest of the year.

Our fellows are focusing on a wide range of topics, including creative and participatory community engagement, health inequalities, regeneration, culture and heritage, climate, R&D, and circular economy.

Our fellowship scheme creates new networks and strengthens existing relationships between researchers and policymakers. The programme is also designed to augment the personal and career development of all participants.

[Find out more about the scheme](#)



# GMCA Research Team away day at UoM

We recently welcomed the GMCA Research Team onto campus for their away day.

The event was led by Professor Sarah Marie Hall, whose research interests include austerity, everyday life, co-production, and creative and feminist methodologies. Professor Hall also sits on the DWP Methods Advisory Group.

Throughout the day, the Research Team tried out different workshop methods to explore how they can make their research processes more participatory.

Attendees co-created an output on participatory research methods, which will support GMCA's next stages of the Greater Manchester Strategy 2025-2035 Participation Programme.

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