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Policy@Manchester at Party Conferences 2025

Each year, Policy@Manchester organise and facilitate panel events at the Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat party conferences, offering expertise and evidence on pressing policy topics, showcasing the fantastic academic research from across The University of Manchester on the ultimate policy stage.

We hosted 14 events across the three major conferences this year, bringing together academics, industry experts, civic leaders and elected politicians.

Our academics contributed their expertise on a range of panel discussions, on topics such as housing, cyber security, school attendance, health inequalities, and sharing Greater Manchester's emerging prosperity.

Read our round-up





GM health inequalities research cited in Parliament

One of our civic MPs, Kirith Entwistle (MP for Bolton North East), cited work from Dr Christine Camacho, Dr Luke Munford and colleagues at The University of Manchester, in a <u>debate on healthcare in Bolton</u>.

She highlighted research showing children born in 'left-behind neighbourhoods' – such as Breightmet in Bolton – live around a decade less of their life in good health than those in the wealthiest areas. She also highlighted that Bolton has the highest rate of Deaths of Despair in Greater Manchester, with young men in particular dying from suicide, or drug and alcohol-related deaths.

Policy@Manchester has created briefing notes on the Deaths of Despair research for each of the ten boroughs in Greater Manchester.

Get in touch with us for a briefing for your area.

GM Policy Hub seminars 2025-26

This month, our GM Policy Hub seminars returned for 2025-26. Our November seminar focused on just access to EVs in Greater Manchester, with Dr Helen Zheng, Senior Lecturer in Spatial Planning. Dr Zheng shared her research using geospatial analysis and agent-based simulations to identify priority areas for EV infrastructure in Greater Manchester.

She discussed a number of recommendations, including:

- Prioritise investment in deprived areas where residents face high social deprivation, lack of off-street parking and unaffordable private vehicle costs
- Go beyond charging infrastructure and provide e-car clubs and payas-you-go EV schemes
- Enhance public transport in transport-poverty hotspots, where shared EV schemes alone are insufficient

Our seminars will continue in 2026, with topics on regional innovation and breast cancer screening coming up next.

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