

Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education: Balancing Equity, Access and Innovation

Tuesday, 09 June 2026 | 9.00 - 17.00
The Whitworth, Oxford Road, M15 6ER

9.00 **Registration**
Delegate refreshments • networking

9.30 **Welcome**
Duncan Ivison, FAHA FRSN, President and Vice-Chancellor of The University of Manchester

Plenary Panel: AI and Inclusion: Insights from the University of Manchester

9.45 Panel Chair: Dr James Brooks, University Theme Lead for Teaching Excellence and Quality
Panellists: Professor Jenn Hallam, Vice-President for Teaching, Learning & Students • Professor Rebecca Hodgson, Associate Vice President for Teaching, Learning, and Students (Curriculum & Quality) • Sami Karamalla-Gaiballa, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Partner (Data Analytics) • Professor Juup Stelma, Deputy Head of School, School of Environment, Education and Development

10.45 **Refreshments and networking**

Presentations

Panel Chair: Dr Jennie Blake, Associate Director, Teaching and Learning Development, University of Manchester Library

11.00 **Will There Also Be Singing? Participatory AI Competency Development and Inclusive Learning Futures in Higher Education**
Dr Taslima Ivy and Dr Martyn Edwards, Manchester Institute of Education

Rethinking the 'free tier' - inclusion, privacy and proficiency
Tom Moule, Senior AI Specialist, Jisc
Dr Edward Pull, Senior Digital Learning and Content Developer, Jisc

Enhancing AI Inclusion through ITL Fellowships at the University of Manchester
Dr James Brooks, Dr Skye Zhao, Dr Mark Carrigan and Dr Elizabeth Lewis, University of Manchester

12.30 Lunch and networking • Poster session

Lightning Talks

13.30 Panel Chair: Professor Susie Miles, Emeritus Professor, Manchester Institute of Education

LT1 **Algorithmic Justice versus Academic Extraction? Reclaiming the University from Predatory AI**
Prof David Webster

LT2 **Coffin's 3 Questions: Asking Questions of and with AI in HE**
Dr Jack Waverley

LT3 **Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education: Balancing Equity, Access, and Innovation – Challenges and Opportunities for Pakistani Universities**
Dr Adeela Rehman

LT4 **Designing Assessment for the GenAI Era: An Integrated Framework for Higher Education**
Dr Emma Ransome

LT5 **Using AI to generate teaching resources which implement active self-feedback and promote intellectual development**
Jenni Rose

LT6 **In my own words? GenAI, student authorship and linguistic diversity**
Ayanna Prevatt-Goldstein & Jon Chandler

LT7 **From Answer Generator to Learning Partner: Designing a Socratic AI Tutor in Higher Education**
Dr Daniel Engstrom

LT8 **Harnessing Generative Artificial Intelligence to Advance Education for Sustainable Development**
Dr Maria Toro-Troconis

15.00 Refreshments and networking

In-person Workshop: AI and Accessibility Skills: Building the Accessibility Professional of the Future

15.30

Dr Sarah Lewthwaite and Dr Andy Coverdale, Centre for Research in Inclusion, University of Southampton • Kellie Mote and Laura Hutton, Jisc

17.00

Day one summary and close

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8.30 Registration
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Plenary Panel 2: Perspectives on AI, Inclusion and Equity

Chair: Professor Khalid Nadvi, Head of School, School of Environment, Education and Development, University of Manchester

9.00 Panellists: Mohamed Elrefai, Senior Director and Head of Worldwide Education, Adobe • Professor Mirjam Hauck, Academic Lead for AI in Learning, Teaching and Assessment, Open University • David Raho, AI Design and Delivery Manager, HM Prison & Probation Service

10.00 Refreshments and networking

Lightning Talks

10.30 Panel Chair: Professor Peter Kahn, Digital Education, Manchester Institute of Education

LT1 Beyond Responsible Use: Equity, Ethics and the Limits of Generative AI Governance in Higher Education Research
Ruth Eaton

LT2 AI and assessment: Reflections on assessment design in the face of Gen AI
Dr Jillian Yeow

LT3 Enhancing International Students' Learning Experiences: The Role and Management of AI Tools in UK Higher Education
Dr Ibtissam Maazouz

LT4 Using Generative AI to Scaffold Dissertation Writing for International PGT Students in Engineering Discipline
Dr Lin Ma

LT5 Bridging the Digital Divide: Leveraging GenAI to Support Visually Impaired Learners
Eneyire Godwin Omuya

LT6 Xpllore: A Generative AI–Enabled VR Platform for Inclusive and Accessible Learning
Freddie Jones

LT7 Accessibility by Design: Building Inclusive Learning Environments
Alexandra Warwick

12.00 Lunch and networking • Poster session

Presentations

Panel Chair: Dr Clara Cheung, Reader in Engineering Management, Civil Engineering and Management Head of Internationalisation (SE/E Asia).

13.00 AI Literacy for Social Justice and Inclusion
Professor Mirjam Hauck, Academic Lead for AI in Learning, Teaching and Assessment, Open University

Can Generative AI Support Self-Explanation Among Learners with Mathematics Learning Disabilities?
Professor Zhongling Pi, Shaanxi Normal University; Visiting Professor, Manchester Institute of Education

14.30 Refreshments and networking

15.00 Fireside: Student Voices on Global Inequalities in AI
Chair: Freddie Jones, PhD researcher Manchester Institute of Education; Co-Chair, The Disabled Staff Network
Melti Oktavianda, PhD researcher, Manchester Institute of Education •
Sulgun Geldimyradova, Master's student, Manchester Institute of Education
• Iryna Leuchanka, Master's student, Manchester Institute of Education

16.30 Closing remarks and future directions
