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Apply for our GM Policy Fellowships scheme

The Greater Manchester Policy Fellowship Scheme connects public and civil servants with academic experts at The University of Manchester to explore regional policy priorities.

We are inviting public and civil servants based in Greater Manchester to apply to be apply to be part of our 2027 cohort of fellows. The deadline for applications is Monday, 7 December.

Through tailored engagement, fellows can build relationships with researchers, explore emerging ideas, and gain fresh perspectives. The scheme gives fellows access to world-class researchers and experts, with the opportunity for collaboration to improve policy understanding, which strengthens and supports participants' personal and career development.

As well as supporting professional development, the scheme creates lasting partnerships between academia and policy, with many fellows continuing to work with the University beyond the programme to drive impact across Greater Manchester.

Apple to be a GM Policy Fellow



GM Policy Hub Seminar | Participatory Policymaking

Policymakers are increasingly drawing on the lived experience of people most affected by inequalities to improve analysis and the development of both government and local authority decisions. However, research from The University of Manchester co-produced with communities has outlined how including lived experience in policy development does not automatically mean it is equitable.

Join us for our next GM Policy Hub seminar, where we will hear from Dr Wren Radford, a lecturer in Liberal Arts, and the author of 'The embodied everyday: ethical approaches to including lived experience in policymaking' which is based on research with communities in Manchester and Glasgow..

Tuesday, 12 January 2027, 10:30am - 12.00midday

The University of Manchester (room details provided upon registration)

Find out more and register

GM Policy Hub priorities for 2027: NEETs, housing, and good growth in every postcode

Following the release of the Milburn report, what would a youth-centred, wellbeing-led approach to tackling NEETs in Greater Manchester look like? This is one of three priority areas we will be focusing on over the next year.

Alongside NEETs we'll be exploring how fixing high streets can lead to good growth in every Greater Manchester postcode, and we'll be considering how Greater Manchester can build truly affordable and sustainable housing at a scale that meets the region's needs.

We will be working with academics across faculties and disciplines to inform how policymakers in Greater Manchester respond to some of the regions most pressing issues.

If you are working on one of these areas, either at the University of Manchester or in a policy role, please feel welcome to get in touch.

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