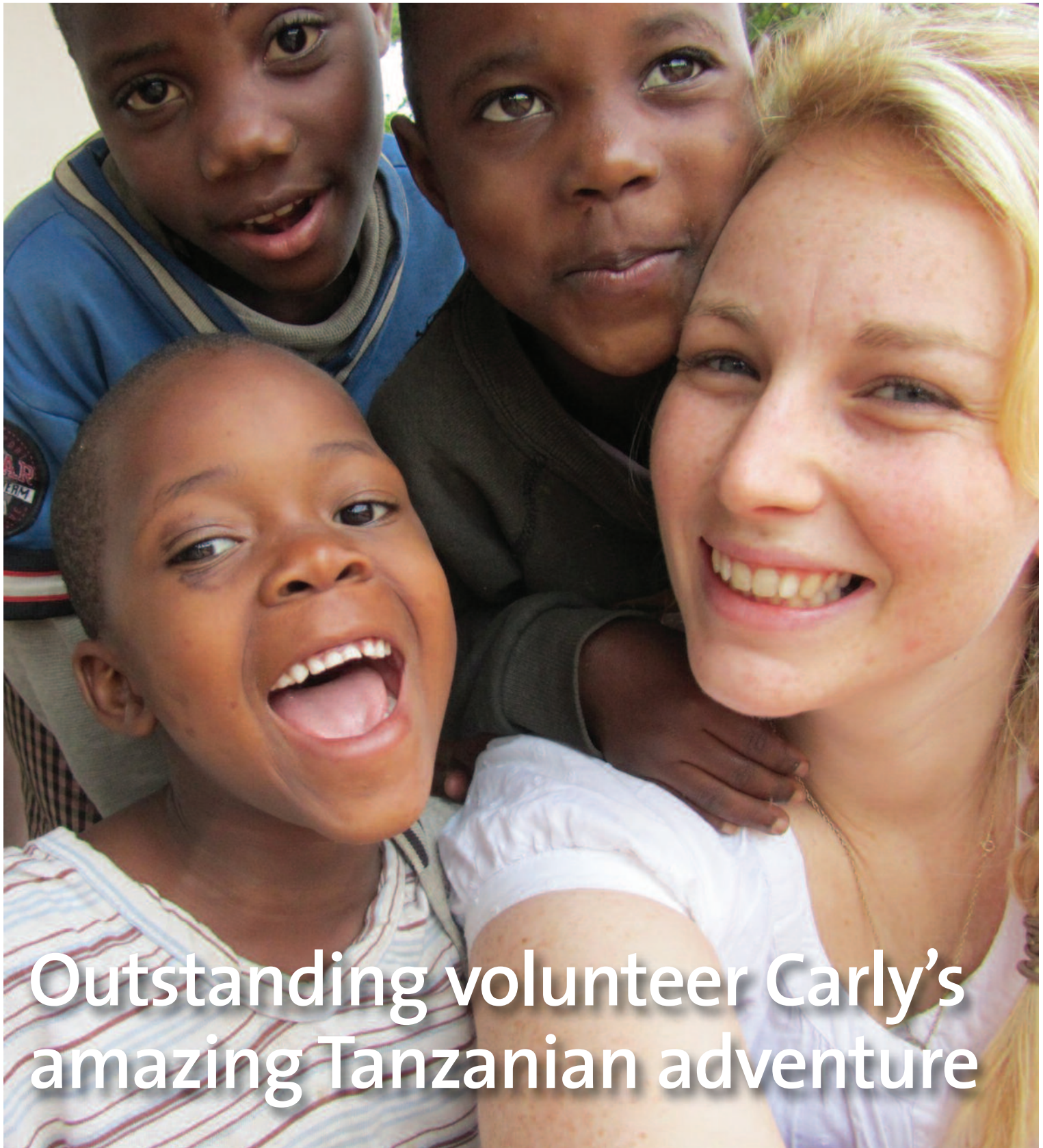


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amazing Tanzanian adventure

As we look towards the future, we should learn from the great heritage of our University, and the City of Manchester



A graphene filled gift from our Nobel Laureates



Meeting students in Halls of Residence



Meeting staff at the Disability Support Office (and below)



Visiting China



Visiting the Post Room



There has never been a time of greater uncertainty for universities, as we consider things such as how student choices will shape our future, and how the wider economic climate will impact on our core mission.

Since its creation, The University of Manchester has had a clear vision, based firmly on the 2015 Agenda. I believe that it is now time to look beyond 2015, taking account of the very different environment we face, and in line with our own choices about our future.

We will be consulting on a draft strategy for the University in 2020 in a few months, but before then, ideas from any member of staff or student on any aspect of the University are invited. I'd be particularly interested to hear your thoughts about the kind of things that will make our University truly distinctive and distinguished in the future. What new initiatives should we consider, where should our focus lie and what should we stop doing, or do less of?

While now is the right time for us to look to our long term future, we must not lose sight of the very rich history of the University, and the City of Manchester more widely. While we may not be a university with a thousand year history, we have a great heritage which we should build upon. We are a university of many firsts and discoveries, many of which have had a major and diverse impact on society.

There are too many to mention here in this article, but the kind of thing I'm thinking of includes the development in 1948 of the first modern computer

- the 'Baby'; research carried out by Ernest Rutherford which led to the splitting of the atom; the first UK degree in nursing; the development of the first artificial hip and the first cochlear implant. Manchester is also widely held to be the birthplace of modern economics and medical ethics, and of course, we can also count the recent discovery of the remarkable properties of graphene, as one of our major achievements.

25 Nobel Laureates have worked at the University, with four currently on our staff. All of these special people have made, or are making, discoveries that change our society. But even this list ignores other great people who have worked here at the University.

Again, there are far too many to mention, but people like Mildred Pope – our first woman professor back in 1934; Grafton Elliot Smith who specialised in the evolution of the brain, a young Bernard Lovell who built the world's largest steerable radio telescope at Jodrell Bank and Sir John Cockcroft who was instrumental in developing nuclear power. Others like mathematician and computer scientist Alan Turing; great historians such as A J P Taylor and a plethora of writers, actors, comedians and musicians who are at the top of their profession on a global scale.

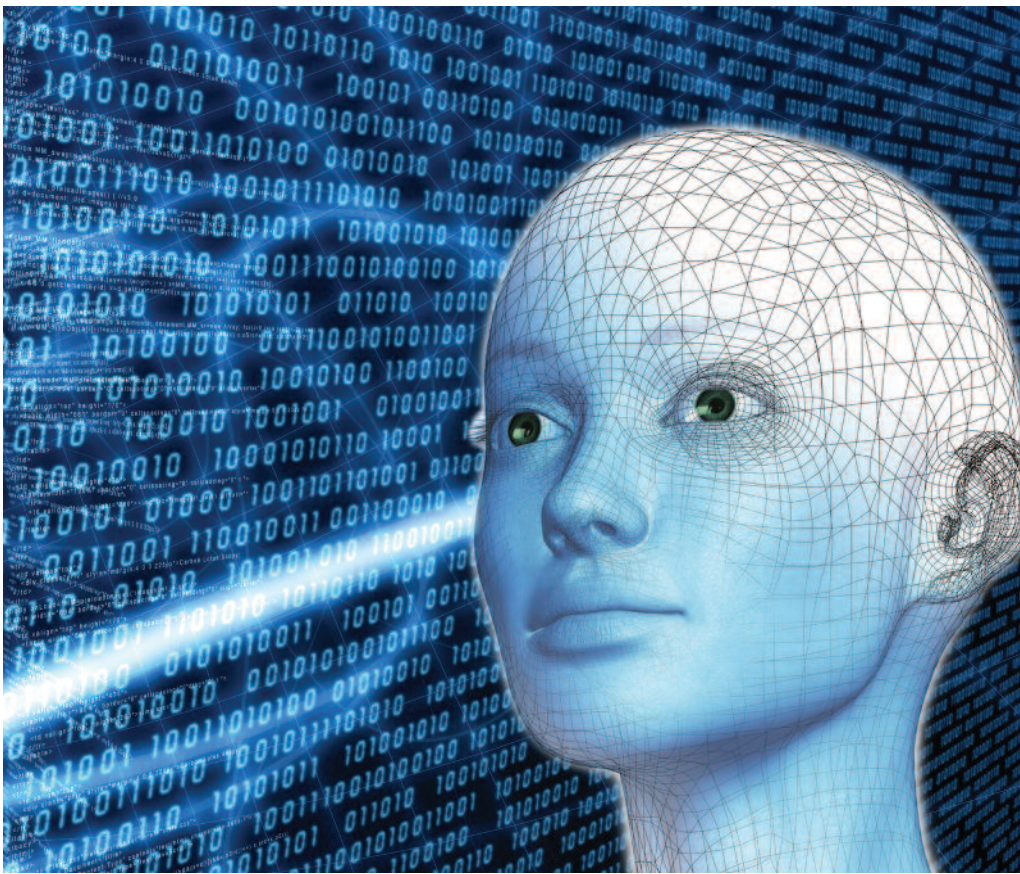
There is also much to be proud of in the heritage of our City. Manchester was, of course, the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution and the suffragette movement, and it also saw the creation of the world-wide co-operative movement and the Trades Union Congress.

The Midland Hotel hosted the first meeting between Charles Rolls and Frederick Royce in 1904, which led to the creation of Rolls Royce in 1906. The world's first football league competition was created in Manchester in 1888, and the City was home to the UK's first free public reference library. The first international art exhibition was held in the city in 1857 and the Hallé became the world's first professional, permanent orchestra when it was created in 1858.

As we look towards our future and plan our strategy, we should learn from the great heritage of the University and the City. It can be dangerous to rely on the past to define the future - not least as we now face such a radically different set of circumstances. But it is equally dangerous to ignore the past and the lessons that it presents us with.

For The University of Manchester, I feel that the messages are clear. We are a place of real innovation and discovery which have a major impact on local, national and international societies. We are willing to challenge existing practises and dogma, to engage with, and embrace, very different environments, to seize challenges and to build on opportunities. These have been the defining features of our past, and must be a real strength in our future.

Those who went before us in our great City saw pressures and challenges as opportunities; valued change and innovation; praised entrepreneurship and so often worked outside the normal expectations and guidelines to do something truly different and innovative. We should do the same now.



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Scientists looking to solve society's big challenges

University scientists are involved in three major European research projects which could help shape the future of information and communication technologies.

The Future and Emerging Technologies (FET) projects are leading the way in delivering the innovation of tomorrow, with topics ranging from computer models of the human brain to personalised, globally-integrated health systems.

The two research proposals selected will both be run for ten years, with prospective European Commission funding running up to €100 million (£87 million).

These flagship initiatives will be to deliver major breakthroughs in information and communication technologies (ICT), with the potential to provide solutions to some of society's biggest challenges.

The University is heavily involved in three of the landmark projects:

- **Graphene Science and Technology for ICT and Beyond:** Graphene, discovered by University of Manchester Professors Andre Geim and Kostya Novoselov, is a new substance that could replace silicon as the wonder material of the 21st century.
- **The Human Brain Project:** Professor Steve Furber, from the School of Computer Science (pictured), has developed a series of computer chips, called SpiNNaker, which could help understand the way in which the human brain works with benefits for computing, neuroscience and medicine.

- **IT Future of Medicine:** Professor Hans Westerhoff is leading a team looking at how digital technology has the power to deliver individualised medicine, based on molecular, physiological and anatomical data collected from individual patients.

Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences Vice-President and Dean Professor Colin Bailey said: "For The University of Manchester to be involved in three of the FET flagship projects is testament to our reputation for world-class research.

"These exciting research projects could help shape the future of information and communication technologies and our scientists could be at the forefront of this vision."



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Front cover:
Carly Townsend with children from her award winning Tanzanian project.

News in brief

Students support Childreach

This summer over 50 Manchester students are teaming up with Childreach International, to raise a whopping £120,000 for the international children's development charity. Some will be tackling Mt. Kilimanjaro while others are planning to trek 13 days to Everest base camp.

The students have been fundraising hard throughout the year, and each have pledged to raise a minimum of £2,440 to take part in these challenging events, helping support sustainable projects in developing countries that focus on health, education and child rights and protection.

To find out more visit:

[www.childreach.org.uk/
get-involved/challenge-events](http://www.childreach.org.uk/get-involved/challenge-events)

**Probiotics network**

The European Network for Gastrointestinal Health Research (ENGIHR) held its first meeting at the University de Minho in Braga, Portugal, earlier this year. It was attended by 92 participants from across Europe including speakers from Danone and Yakult.

Funded by the European Science Foundation, the network aims to bring together scientists from across Europe to discuss the current challenges involved with gastrointestinal health research and in particular the role of probiotics. The programme is headed by Dr Severino Pandiella, a lecturer in the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences, who was awarded €500,000 for the project in 2010.

More information can be found at:

www.esf.org/enghr

Hot in the city

Future summers could see us roasting here in Manchester with temperatures of up to 33°C – according to researchers from the School of Environment and Development, who have made some hard-hitting projections about the region's climate.

As well as scorching summer heat waves, they believe the future could also bring severe winter rainfall, greatly raising the risk of local flooding.

Dr Gina Cavan, who wrote the study, said all possible scenarios pointed to hotter, drier summers and greater winter rainfall and increased likelihood of flooding. Average summer temperatures in the city could soar by as much as 6°C over the next 40 years and summer rainfall may drop by 20 per cent.

Dr Cavan is part of EcoCities: The Bruntwood Initiative for Sustainable Cities, which seeks to prepare Greater Manchester for climate change, and will deliver its first climate change adaptation Blueprint in December 2011.

www.manchester.ac.uk/ecocities

Students take first steps on career path

Students from the Manchester Academy have visited the University to get a taste of what life is like working in the Directorate of Estates.

They spent the day with staff finding out about different jobs and career paths on offer here at the University.

Duncan Turner, who is the University's Maintenance Services Manager, is one of those who met with the students. The day had a special meaning for him as

he used to attend the school when it was Ducie Technical High School.

He said: "I left school with only a few O levels, but I managed to get an apprenticeship, go on to further education, and have developed my career mainly in the National Health Service and here at the University. We try to let the students who visit know that even if they leave school without great qualifications, they can still manage to build a career, and the University is a great place to start that journey."

**Crazy castle game tests tots eyesight**

Tariq Aslam, a consultant at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital and senior lecturer at the University, has drawn on his passion for computer programming to create a new test for checking the vision of children as young as four.

The 'Crazy Castle' game measures peripheral vision depending on exactly how children play the game and can flag up problems caused by glaucoma, drug side-effects, brain tumours and other conditions. More details can be found at:

www.manchesterbrc.org



The planned MCRC at The Christie

Cancer research building planned

The Manchester Cancer Research Centre (MCRC) has announced proposals for a new state-of-the-art facility which will be crucial in helping the Centre develop and improve cancer treatment.

“The rapid expansion of high quality research at the MCRC has reached a point where future growth will be compromised by lack of physical space,” said Professor Nic Jones Director of the MCRC and Chief Scientist of Cancer Research UK. He added:

“We undertake vital research to develop and improve cancer treatments and urgently need a new purpose-built building to expand and enhance this life-saving research.”

The proposals are for a new research building and car park on The Christie site.

Professor Jones continued: “Cancer research and treatment is evolving – the goal is a personalised approach to cancer therapy, where each patient is

treated according to the specific characteristics of their tumour.”

Reaching that point requires research partnerships between laboratory scientists and clinicians, between large academic institutions and major NHS hospitals, and between academia and industry. The MCRC is a partnership between The University of Manchester (incorporating the Paterson Institute for Cancer Research), The Christie and Cancer Research UK.

Generous gift builds on University's future

The Oglesby Charitable Trust has recently announced a gift of £500,000 to support the new Manchester Cancer Research Centre (MCRC) building (see above).

The building's lecture theatre will be named in Michael Oglesby's honour, in recognition of his role as Chairman of the MCRC and the Trust's support for the project.

This latest gift builds on the Trust's long philanthropic association with the University. Most recently, and in addition to the support for the MCRC building, this includes the Ecocities project and two PhD Fellowships at the University's Wolfson Molecular Imaging Centre.

Additionally, the Oglesby Charitable Trust has funded many works of art across campus, including two tapestries by artist Alice Kettle in the Martin Harris Centre for Music and Drama, and an installation at the John Rylands Library on Deansgate.

Speaking of his connection with the University, Michael Oglesby said: “The close collaboration that exists between The University of Manchester, the City of Manchester and its people, has been one of the key drivers behind the success of our City, and remains pivotal to its future. In these strained economic times it is even more essential than ever for us all to show our whole-hearted support for this world class institution and its students.”

Michael Oglesby also gives his time generously to the University. He is part of our development board, the Global Leadership Board, and is Chairman of the Steering Board for the MCRC.

Michael Oglesby has had a long association with the University and the City of Manchester. He founded Bruntwood, the North West-based commercial property company in 1978, and has held numerous positions of responsibility and prestige including Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Royal Northern College of Music and Drama, High Sheriff of Greater Manchester and Vice Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester. Michael was awarded a CBE for his services to business in the 2011 New Years Honours list.



Michael Oglesby and his wife Jean

News in brief



England beckons for Matt

The captain of the University's Football Club has been called up to play for England.

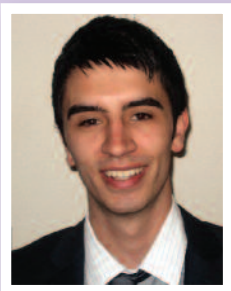
21-year-old Matt Smith was named in the England C squad for the final of the International Challenge Trophy against Portugal recently.

Matt has continued to captain the University first team, whilst juggling the demands of the final year of his course at Manchester Business School.

Internships make an impact

The University has opened its highly successful Internship Programme to employers from Greater Manchester.

The Manchester Graduate Internship Programme (MGIP) provides businesses with a flexible opportunity to recruit talented graduates for short-term periods of between four months and a year.



Andrew Daley of Edbury Daley, an independent specialist recruitment consultancy, said: "We recruited Christopher McGowan, a graduate from MGIP, and in nine months we saw an increase of more than 30% per

month in revenue in that particular area of our business."

Biochemistry graduate, Christopher (pictured) was delighted with his experience. He said: "I became a valuable member of staff and an asset to the company in a relatively short space of time. I haven't had a dull moment." Christopher has now been offered a permanent contract.



Sir Andrew Dillon, Chief Executive of NICE, Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell and Professor Ian Jacobs

A NICE agreement

The Manchester Academic Health Science Centre (MAHSC) and the University have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE).

The Memorandum of Understanding is particularly focused on health technologies and public health, drawing on both NICE's expertise and a number of MAHSC programmes and University research groupings.

It outlines areas for collaboration such as research into the uptake of NICE guidance in the clinical setting, the development and evaluation of health technologies, and national and international health policy and practice.

New centre for inflammation research

The University of Manchester, GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) and AstraZeneca have announced the creation of the Manchester Collaborative Centre for Inflammation Research (MCCIR).

The MCCIR is a unique alliance to establish a world-leading translational centre for inflammatory diseases. The project starts out with an initial investment of £5 million from each partner over a three year period.

The collaboration will bring together scientists from both the pharmaceutical industry and academia to work collaboratively on inflammation research and translational medicine.

The research will be directed in line with strategic priorities set jointly by the partners, in order to translate findings into new and improved treatments. Such advances could potentially benefit the millions of people worldwide.

Professor Ian Jacobs, Vice-President and Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Human Sciences, commented: "We welcome greatly this opportunity to ensure that some of our fundamental biomedical research will become more closely aligned with the need to develop new therapies for inflammatory diseases.

"This collaboration brings together expertise in biomedical research from the University with the resources and drug discovery expertise from GSK and AstraZeneca to create true partnership and synergy. It firmly establishes the UK and The University of Manchester at the forefront of innovative and enterprising research into inflammatory disease."

The MCCIR will be formally opened later this year at the University.

Grant tackles meningitis

The Medical Research Council (MRC), has awarded the University's Clinical Pharmacology team a grant of over £500,000 to study cryptococcal meningitis, a devastating infection that usually occurs in patients with HIV/AIDS.

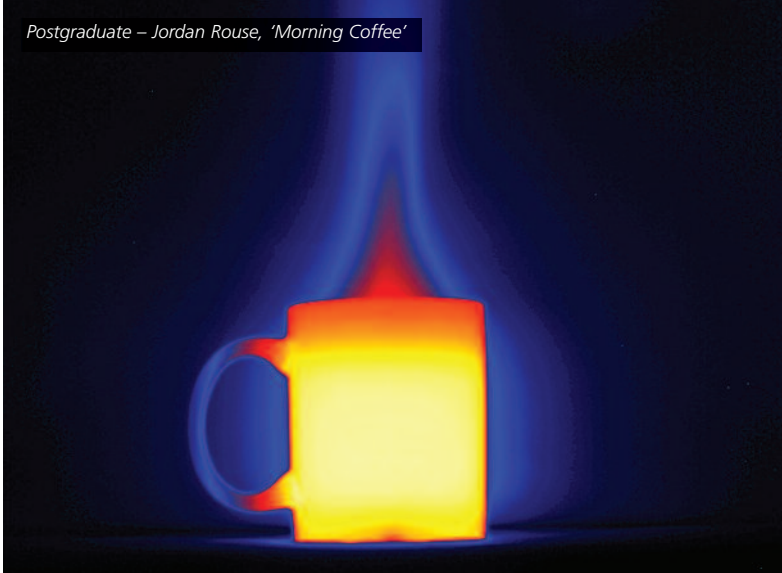
This project will attempt to identify innovative treatments for cryptococcal meningitis, which affects one million people per year and causes 600,000 deaths. Post-doctoral research associate Susan Howard, who will be working with Principal Investigator William Hope, said: "To be able to contribute to address such an important, but relatively neglected disease, even in a small way, makes my job as a researcher all the more rewarding."

Material views

There were some stunning entries in this year's School of Materials Photography Competition.

Entrants were challenged to submit an image that communicated something exciting about their experience of materials to both specialist and non-specialist audiences. Here are the winning images in each of the three categories:

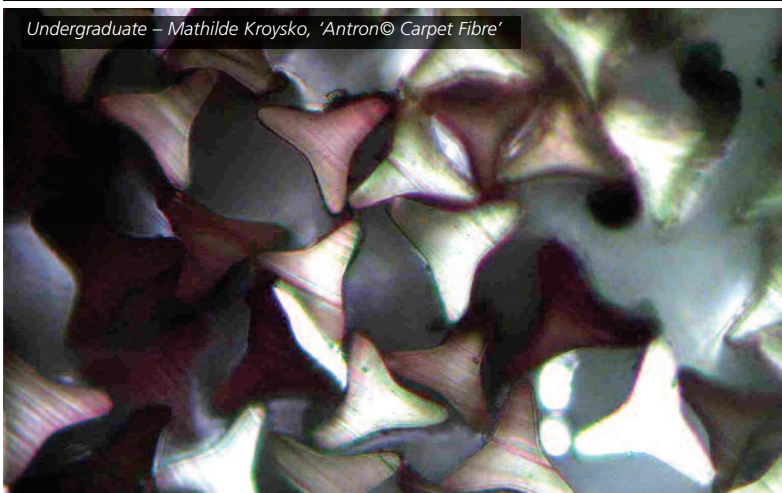
Postgraduate – Jordan Rouse, 'Morning Coffee'



Staff – Sebastian Stark, 'Foam I'



Undergraduate – Mathilde Kroysko, 'Antron® Carpet Fibre'



Listening to Laura

Listening to, and working with students is incredibly important to the University.

The Students as Partners programme makes sure that the views of students are taken into account when it comes to developing things like the curriculum and University policies. So far this year we've consulted with students on subjects including Blackboard 9, the Study Abroad programme, the feedback policy and the role of academic advisors.

Some of the students were recognised at the recent Students as Partners Presentation Evening.

Laura Moran (pictured right), who is studying International Business, Finance and Economics said: "Your voice and opinions count and get heard. It's great to know you've made an impact and that the University cares about your opinion. Knowing that your input will improve the experience of others at Manchester is very rewarding."



Hassan is award winning student

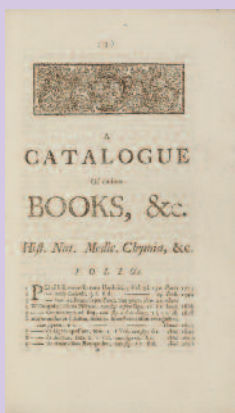
Hassan Hakim Khalili, from the School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) has won the University's Distinguished Achievement Award – Undergraduate Student of the Year 2011. He was nominated by his School due to his outstanding academic achievements, his leadership and delivery of peer mentoring, his support of curriculum development and his charity work in the local community.

This is the second time a student from EEE has won the award. Martin Schuster won it in 2010 and the School is hoping for a hat-trick next year!



News in brief

Catalogue comes to Manchester



A document believed to be the earliest surviving printed catalogue of a book-sale by auction in Manchester, has been added to the Special Collections division of The John Rylands University Library.

'A Catalogue of the Library of the late Richard Mydleton Massey', is an especially important

acquisition as many catalogues did not survive, despite book auctions being increasingly popular during the 18th century.

Richard Middleton Massey (1678-1743) was a physician, who practised medicine at Wisbech, Cambridgeshire and Stepney in London. A Fellow of both the Royal Society and the Society of Antiquaries, he was at one time an under-keeper at the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford and donated a number of manuscripts to the Bodleian Library in 1710.

The catalogue lists nearly three thousand books, which reflect both his professional and personal interests and range in date from 1489 to 1742.

The discovery of the catalogue offers new research opportunities to book historians in Manchester and beyond.



Spotlight on languages

Languages including Latin, Old Saxon, Catalan, Luxemburgish and Slovene were under the spotlight at a recent conference.

The event was organized by the GerManC project, led by Professor Martin Durrell and Dr Paul Bennett of the School of Languages, Linguistics and Cultures. Academics from ten different countries attended.

Photo caption -Professor Anke Luedeling, from the Humboldt University (Berlin) and Professor Achim Stein (University of Stuttgart).

Chemical Biology Network comes together

A huge network of chemistry and biology academics held its launch event in May. It will operate across the University, working closely with industry to advance the field of chemical biology which underpins the development of many pharmaceutical, biotechnology and agrochemical products.

Funded by the Research Councils (EPSRC, BBSRC and MRC) and with commitments from its ten industrial partners, the Manchester Chemical Biology Network will bring together more than 50 research groups from a range of disciplines.

The academics will then in turn offer their expert knowledge to industrial partners, including companies such as AstraZeneca, GSK and Pfizer.

The aim of the network is to bring together scientists with interests in Chemical Biology from industry and across the University's three scientific Faculties to provide a more effective platform to tackle the major challenges associated with discovery of new drugs.

Stories for sustainability

The Sustainable Consumption Institute held an event at the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) recently to explore how our everyday consumption impacts people and the planet.

The Institute's postgraduate students provided fact sheets and questionnaires about textiles, ran a recycled badge making workshop, created recycled accessories and gave away prizes at the green t-shirt quiz.

People also learned how changing their everyday consumption habits can reduce environmental impacts and their carbon footprint.

Dr Marieke Navin, Science Communication Officer for MOSI said:

"I would encourage any of the scientists involved to work with us again as role models to our family visitors and science ambassadors."



Framing the city

Two competitions which bring the changing nature of the city into focus, are being launched to promote a major conference due to take place here in Manchester in the autumn.

Entries are being sought for the creative writing and photography competitions, which are being run by The Centre for Research on Socio-Cultural Change (CRESC).

Entries to the writing competition can be submitted via cresc.annualconference@manchester.ac.uk

More information about the photography competition can be found at the web address below.

The winning entries will be published in the Manchester Review and will be featured in the conference brochure, as well as receiving a cash prize.



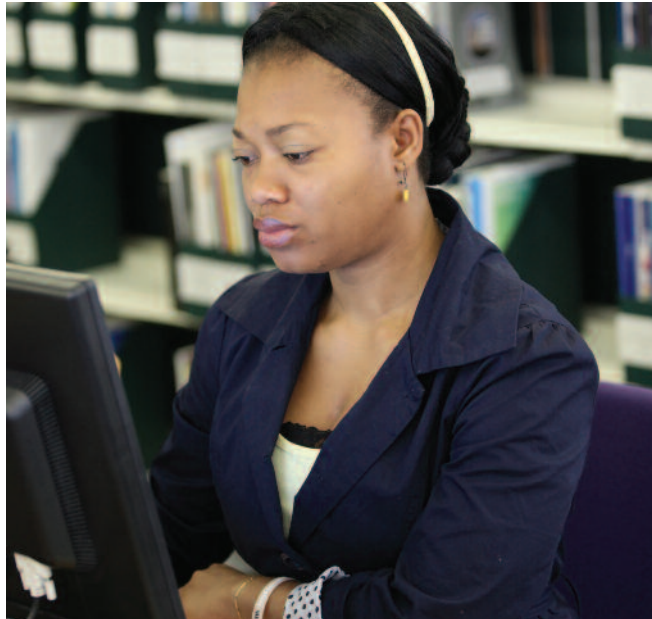
<http://www.flickr.com/groups/crescphotos2011/>

eScholar opens the door to research

Manchester eScholar is maximising access to the University's research. Manchester eScholar, is hosted by the John Rylands University Library and enables Manchester's researchers to make their publications accessible to all, an important consideration when the cost of accessing the latest research can be huge.

Through eScholar, articles can be searched via Google and other online search engines, as well as the JRUL search engine, Library Search. Researchers simply submit the full article, with descriptive text.

Denise Davidson, Research Development Manager in the School of Community Based Medicine said: "The regular customised reports created specifically for our School provide an excellent detailed summary of the latest outputs generated by staff. The eScholar repository is already playing a key role in the School's preparations for Research Excellence Framework 2014."



Access to JRUL material has also been boosted via eScholar. Dominic Broadhurst, Business and Management Librarian said, "Working on a project with Manchester Business School academics and the eScholar Team, we have recently digitised an important research collection held in the Eddie Davies Library.

This has been successfully imported into Manchester eScholar, enabling this unique collection to be now made available to researchers and practitioners from across the world."

To find out more about Manchester eScholar visit:

www.manchester.ac.uk/escholar



Nail-biting finish for Boat Race

The University's teams did us proud at the 40th Two Cities Boat Race between The University of Manchester and University of Salford.

Our Men's Senior VIII was the closest race with our team clearing the finishing line a mere 0.85 seconds in front of Salford.

Overall, Manchester won five of the seven races. Pictures of the race and a post race interview with Alex Foreman, University of Manchester Men's Senior VIII are available to view on British Rowing's YouTube Channel:

www.youtube.com/user/britishrowing

News in brief

Teaching space refurbishment

The summer months will see 18 lecture theatres and four seminar rooms undergoing a overhaul as work gets under way to improve learning spaces across campus.

The refurbishments form part of a £10 million project to upgrade teaching facilities and improve the learning experience for our students.

Improvements will take place at a selection of spaces at Sackville, Kilburn, Stopford, Zochonis, Ellen Wilkinson and Roscoe buildings.

The lecture theatres will include state-of-the-art audio visual facilities such as dual high definition projection, interactive technology and video capture. Systems will also be put into place to reduce energy consumption and reuse waste heat from other areas.

Focus on media impact

2011 has been designated as the National Year of Communication in the UK and to mark this, a special event was organised by Professor Gina Conti-Ramsden and Drs Catherine Adams and Anne Hesketh from Human Communication and Deafness within the School of Psychological Science

The event at the Whitworth Art Gallery saw over 100 guests come together to hear Professor Kevin Durkin from the School of Psychological Sciences and Health at the University of Strathclyde give the Betty Byers Brown Memorial Lecture. In it he highlighted the controversies surrounding the effects of television, video games and the internet on children's development.

Taking stock

In this issue of UniLife you'll find a copy of the Stock Take Summary 2011. This is a report which we put together annually to keep our key stakeholders up-to-date with our progress against the Advancing the Manchester 2015 Agenda, which is the University's strategic plan.

If you haven't received a copy and would like one, you can view it online or pick up a copy from the University's Visitors Centre in University Place.

<http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=9785>

Drug-resistance fears for deadly fungal disease

Agricultural fungicides may hold a clue to why deadly human fungal infections, caused by certain strains of *Aspergillus* fungi, appear to be developing resistance to current drug treatments at an alarming rate.

The rapid rate of resistance has been identified by Professor David Denning's team of researchers working with colleagues in Newark, USA, to develop a new test that can better diagnose *Aspergillus* infection.

Their work has also spotted signs of antifungal resistance to azoles – the class of drugs used to treat patients with aspergillosis.

Using the new test, the team found that 55% of aspergillosis patients had telltale signs or markers that indicated they had developed resistance to azoles. The findings compare to resistance rates of 28% carried out by the team just two years ago using traditional culturing methods.

“Using an ultrasensitive, real-time test we have detected azole resistance in people with aspergillosis, without first culturing the fungus in a dish. The presence of *Aspergillus* was detected in many more samples than using traditional culture methods, and 55% were found to contain azole-resistance markers,” said Professor Denning.

“This is an extraordinarily high rate of resistance, possibly related to fungicide use in agriculture – more than a third of ‘pesticides’ used by UK farmers are azoles – and long treatment courses in patients, so the findings have major implications for the sustainability of azoles for human antifungal therapy.”

Solving the misery of back pain

Scientists have developed a biomaterial implant which could finally bring treatment, in the form of a jab, for chronic back pain.

Chronic lower back pain is a major problem for society, second only to headaches as the most common neurological ailment.

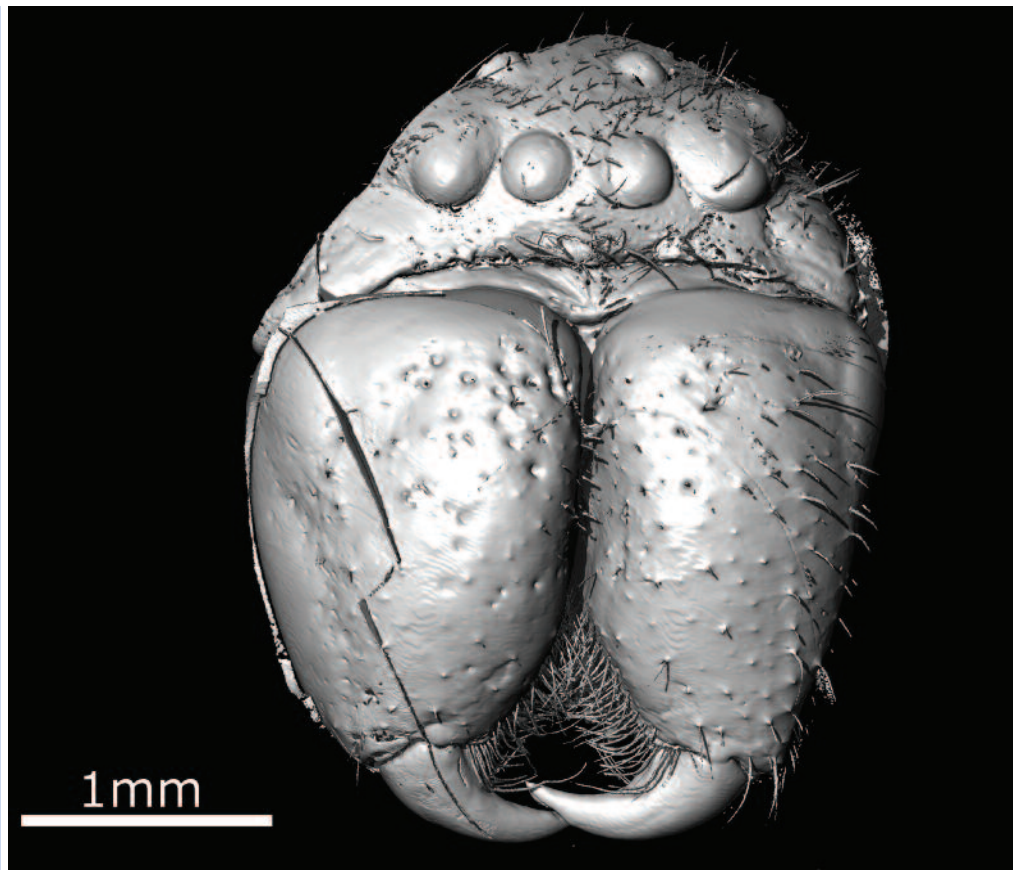
Now scientists have discovered how to permanently replace the workings of the intervertebral disc.

It is estimated that back pain affects 80% of people at some point in their lives. In the United States it is the most common cause of job-related disability.

The University cross-Faculty team has been working with microgel particles, for a number of years.

Previously, they have demonstrated that an injectable fluid of these particles could transform into a gel that restored the mechanical properties of damaged model intervertebral discs.

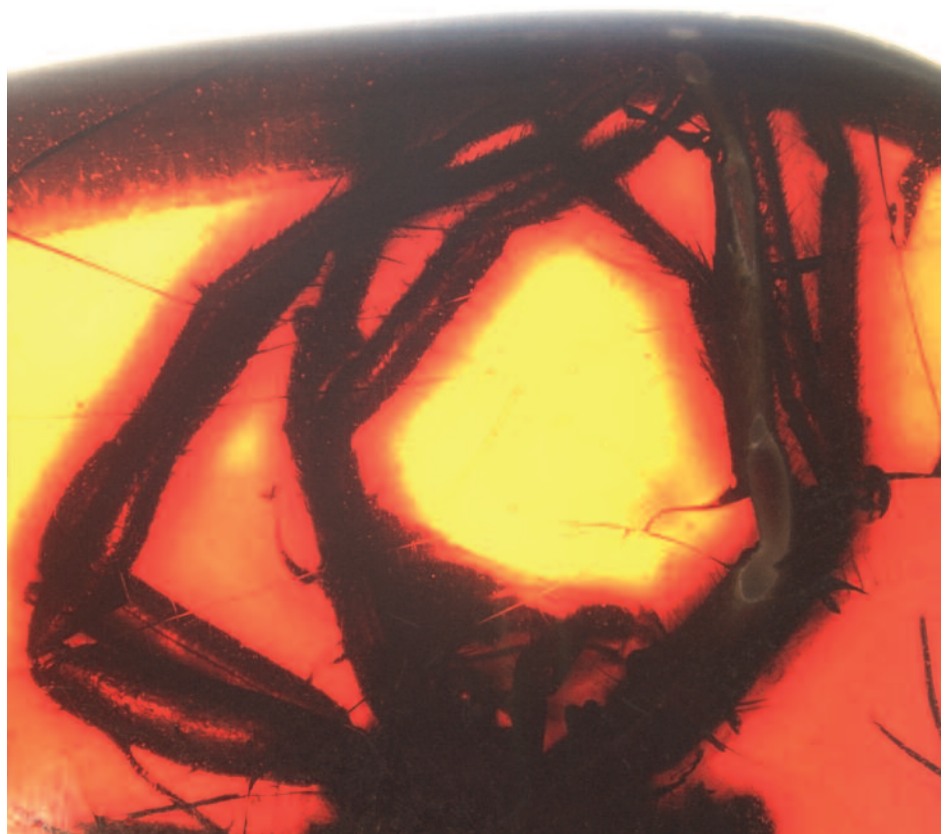
Lead researcher Dr Brian Saunders, of the School of Materials, and his team have now succeeded in linking the microgel particles together to form injectable durable, elastic gels capable of sustaining large permanent changes in shape without breaking.



49 million-year-old spider images

Scientists have used the latest computer-imaging technology to produce stunning three-dimensional pictures of a 49 million-year-old spider trapped inside an opaque piece of fossilized amber resin.

Researchers from the School of Materials, working with colleagues in Germany, created the intricate images using X-ray computed tomography to study the remarkable spider, which can barely be seen under the microscope in the old and darkened amber.



UniLife Readership Survey

This is the last issue of *UniLife* for the 2010/11 academic year. While we're taking a break over the summer months, we'll be using that time to start planning stories and features for future issues.

And that's where we need your help. It would be really useful if you could let us know what you think about *UniLife* – the kind of stories you like reading and any new features you'd like to see.

And equally importantly, you can tell us about the things you don't like and what you'd like to see less of in future issues.

There's also a chance to let us know about how you receive *UniLife*, and the other ways that you find out news about the University.

Please take a few moments to fill in the questionnaire, or alternatively, you can complete it online at the web address below.

The closing date for completing the survey is Friday, 24 June 2011.

 www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22CD42LV7K3/

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12 How would you describe the type of work you do at the University?

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- All other

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- Full-time
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15 Gender

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16 How old are you?

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- Under 25
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- 45-54
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13 Which Directorate (or School or administrative unit or cultural asset) do you work in?

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17 Depending on the findings from this survey, we may wish to run some focus groups to further explore some of the issues raised. If you would be willing to take part, please provide your details below. The details you provide will be separated from your other responses before the data is analysed, and will only be used for the purpose of arranging focus groups about *UniLife* and other University news channels.

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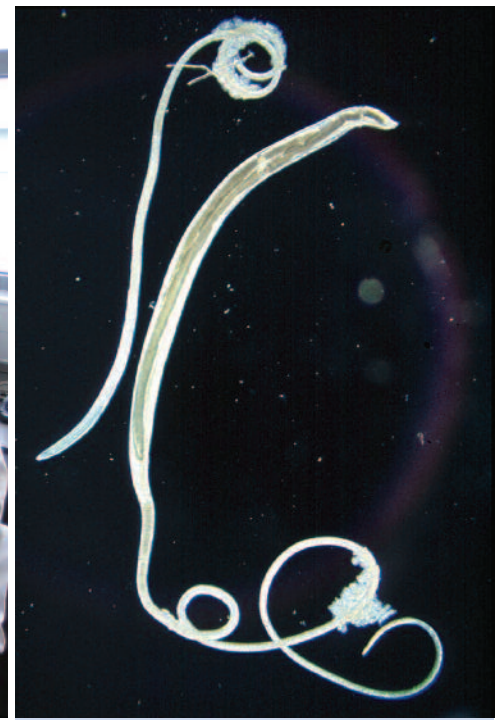
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Dr Lynne Hampson and Dr Ian Hampson



HIV drug could prevent cervical cancer

A widely used HIV drug could help to prevent cervical cancer caused by infection with the human papilloma virus (HPV), according to University researchers.

Working with colleagues in Canada, researchers have discovered how the antiviral drug lopinavir attacks HPV by switching on a natural viral defence system in infected cells.

"Lopinavir selectively kills HPV-infected, non-cancerous cells, while leaving healthy cells relatively unaffected," said Dr Ian Hampson, who carried out the research with his wife Dr Lynne Hampson in the School of Cancer and Enabling Sciences.

"This is very significant because these cells are the closest thing to being like the ones found in a pre-cancerous HPV infection of the cervix. In addition we

were also able to show that lopinavir kills these HPV-infected cells by re-activating a well-known antiviral system that is suppressed by HPV."

In many developing countries, HPV-related cervical cancer is still one of the most common women's cancers accounting for approximately 290,000 deaths per year worldwide. It also causes a significant proportion of cancers of the mouth and throat and is showing an alarming increase in developed countries where it is now more than twice as common as cervical cancer.

Current vaccines do not protect against all types of HPV and are expensive, which limits their use. A cheap and preferably self-administered treatment that could eliminate early-stage HPV infections before these have developed into cancers would therefore have distinct health advantages.

Illegal leisure revisited

A long-term study which began in 1991 has found that as people progress into their thirties illegal drug use is, with some caveats, still acceptable to many.

The research published in a book by Manchester criminologists in conjunction with The University of Lancaster, is a follow up to a study that began 20 years ago, following almost 800 young people from 14 to 18 years of age.

The story of how the then teenagers used drugs and alcohol was published in the 1998 book 'Illegal Leisure: the Normalisation of Adolescent Recreational Drug Use'.

Now the research team has published 'Illegal Leisure Revisited', which updates the progress into adulthood of many in the original cohort.

It found that many of these young adults continued to take drugs despite being conventional adults in full-time employment and long term relationships.

One of the researchers, Senior Lecturer Judith Aldridge from the School of Law, said: "It seems that not all recreational drug users mature out of their adolescent drug taking and experimentation. However, far from being out-of-control, the majority of drug-taking adults appear to be pretty similar to those who seek evening and weekend time-out, relaxation and fun through alcohol consumption."

She continued: "These adults do not reject the mainstream – their lives, outside their drug use, sit comfortably amongst these values. However we see them, they appear to accept drug taking as a fairly ordinary, normal activity."

Wonderful worm discovery

Parasitic worms are a major cause of mortality and morbidity affecting up to a billion people, particularly in the Third World, as well as domestic pets and livestock across the globe.

Now scientists have discovered why some people may be protected from these parasites naturally in what could lead to new therapies worldwide.

Researchers, led by Dr David Thornton from the University's Wellcome Trust Centre for Cell Matrix Research, have identified a key component of mucus – Muc5ac – found in the guts of humans and animals that is toxic to worms.

"The gut is protected by a thick layer of mucus which is a complex mixture of salts, water and proteins called mucins that give mucus its gel-like properties," explained Dr Thornton.

"Muc5ac is a mucin which is rarely present in the gut, but when it is, it alters the physical properties of the mucus."

Co-lead on the study, Professor Richard Grecnis, from the Faculty of Life Sciences, said: "We discovered that Muc5ac is 'toxic' for the worms and damages their health."

Dr Sumaira Hasnain, the lead experimentalist on the project, added: "Our research may help to identify who is and who isn't susceptible to parasitic worms, and it may eventually lead to new treatments for people with chronic worm infections."



l-r. Carly Townsend, Ann Johnson and Xue Theresa Teng

University awards recognise outstanding volunteers

Our University is full of remarkable people, none more so than those who were recognised recently in the Community Service and Volunteer of the Year Awards.

The nominations reflected a diverse range of volunteering activity, including supporting vulnerable adults and children, fundraising, environmental projects and working with local communities. The projects have been undertaken in the UK and overseas in countries such as Tanzania, Zambia, Uganda, Sri Lanka and India.

The winners were selected by independent judging panels comprising University staff and representatives of charities.

The three winners received donations to support the organisations where they volunteer. The University Medals for Social Responsibility, part of the suite of President's Distinguished Achievement Awards, were presented to the overall winners.

Many of the students nominated were current or previous participants on the Manchester Leadership Programme which organised the event.

The winners were:

STUDENTS

First place and recipient of the University Medal for Social Responsibility: **Carly Townsend**, (BNurs Nursing).

Second place: **Raymond Ratti Beato**, (MA International Development). Founder of an organisation which takes student volunteers to developing countries. Established a network of student leaders committed to fostering intercultural understanding.

Third place: **Gillian Mawson**, (MPhil History). Befriender of Guernsey evacuees who came to England during World War II, most of whom are 80-90 years old and socially isolated. Organised events to mark their role on the British Home Front.

STAFF

First place and recipient of the University Medal for Social Responsibility: **Xue Theresa Teng**, Faculty of Humanities.

Second Place: **Professor Alex Molassiotis**, School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work Founder and

Trustee of the Peer Education Programme for HIV/AIDS in Zambia whose programme has been adopted in other sub-Saharan African countries.

Third place: **Senathirajah Ariyaratnam**, School of Dentistry. Leads a continuous professional development programme for dentists in an area of Sri Lanka which has been isolated due to civil war and serves on the advisory board of Manchester Tamil School.

ALUMNI

First place and recipient of the University Medal for Social Responsibility: **Ann Johnson**, (BA Nursing – Education).

Second place: **Amy Lythgoe**, (BArch Architecture). Founder of a charity which provides grants to bring to the UK the dependants of refugees who have been granted permanent residence.

Third place: **Keith Mills**, (MEd Special Education). Founder and President of a charity which works with disadvantaged children in Uganda and has overseen the sponsorship programme of 75 primary school children.

**Student winner
Carly Townsend,
BNurs Nursing**

Carly is founder and coordinator of a project which is building a home in a village in Tanzania for children orphaned by HIV/AIDS. The goal is that within a couple of years the children will be in education and that the home will be self-sustainable, with its own water well and growing crops.

Carly has been instrumental in drawing up the plans for the building, fundraising and overseeing student volunteers' visits to the site. She also regularly visits the children in Tanzania.

On campus, she is an active volunteer as the secretary for Student Action. In addition, working with the Stop AIDS Society, she arranges training about sexual health for University students.

Fellow student David Ward who nominated Carly for the award said: "I am not sure if I will ever meet another person in my lifetime who is as kind, caring, loving and compassionate as Carly. She epitomises all that is good in the world!"



**Alumni winner
Ann Johnson, BA Nursing
(Education), 1991**

Ann worked as a lecturer until 2006 when she retired on health grounds at the age of 53 with early onset Alzheimer's.

She works as a patient educator to raise the understanding of how to best support sufferers of Alzheimer's and aims to influence government policy. In March 2010 she was invited to the House of Commons to represent sufferers at the launch of the National Dementia campaign.

Nominator Dame Betty Kershaw says: "Ann uses her teaching skills to talk about her experience, to think positively and to share what she can still enjoy with others. She is a role model; perhaps even a beacon of hope."



**Staff winner
Xue Theresa Teng,
Application Developer,
ICT Office Faculty of
Humanities**

Theresa is the Head Teacher of the Huaxia Chinese School which teaches Chinese language and culture to 300 children and adults from Greater Manchester.

Under her leadership, the School has overcome management and financial difficulties and the number of pupils increased from 70 to nearly 300. She has also significantly enhanced parental engagement with the school.

Theresa said: "It's a great honour to win this award. Running a small charity can be difficult - you have to work on a shoestring and deal with various problems, but it brings much enjoyment too, and the children make me feel young!"



'The Works' opens doors for local job seekers

A new initiative aimed at helping local unemployed people gain new skills and find work has just been launched in Moss Side.

'The Works,' which is based on Alexandra Road, will offer support, guidance and training to people living in Hulme and Moss Side. These areas have some of the highest number of people of working age claiming out of work benefit in Manchester.

The development of The Works has been led by the University, but it is very much a partnership of a number of organisations including City South Housing, Manchester Metropolitan University and Manchester Solutions. The Cooperative, The Central Manchester Foundation NHS Trust and businesses such as Royal Mail, the Post Office and Asda, are actively supporting the initiative.

The University's Staff Training and Development Unit will be offering training sessions to clients, looking at key skills development including preparing CVs, communication and interview skills.

And The Works is already proving popular, welcoming 300 people through the doors in the first weeks of opening, with posts and training on offer in clerical, secretarial, estate maintenance, postal work, retail and catering.

"The Works is offering a new way for local people to access employment opportunities and, equally importantly for some, the means to acquire the skills required to enable them to apply for jobs. We have on hand specialist advisers from Next Step, Connexions and other partner organisations to provide one-to-one support and, for those who do not have internet access at home, an IT suite for job search and completing online applications" said Steve Grant, Assistant Director of Human Resources at the University.

"It's already become a very busy, vibrant centre and we have had to increase the resource available to cope with demand. Government policy now places employers centre stage in supporting people into work. This is the only employer led facility of its kind in the north west and one of only a few across the country," he added.





Thompson's tracks

Strangeways – or HM Prison Manchester, as we must now call it – is one of several prisons in which James Thompson has spent time. Not as an inmate, you understand, but in the course of his work as Director of the Theatre in Prisons and Probation (TiPP) Centre in the School of Arts, Histories and Cultures. He has also spent time in war zones and disaster areas around the world – Sri Lanka, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Kosovo.

As Professor of Applied and Social Theatre – and about to take up his new appointment as Associate Dean of the Faculty of Humanities – he is a trailblazer in his field, having spent more than 20 years helping to develop it.

"I was interested in theatre even as a young boy," he says. "Gradually, I was drawn to its value in bringing communities together and helping to explore social problems."

He became an actor-member of the National Youth Theatre, that inspirational breeding ground for so many leading lights in the national theatre today. So, it was inevitable that he would target the Department of Drama at this University. He travelled from his home in Abingdon, Oxfordshire, for an interview, but was turned down – and he a future Professor of the subject. He was also turned down by Combined Studies.

However, that disappointment proved to be a double stroke of luck. "Walking back along Oxford Road to the railway station, I called into the Poly and discovered that they had a one-year course in Recreational Arts for the Community, which attracted me immediately," he says.

He checked with Combined Studies that the qualification would make the difference for his admission here the following year – and started at what was then Manchester Polytechnic. More importantly, in his first week in Manchester, at a political meeting, he met Debbie Witton, who is now his wife. They have two daughters, Hannah, 19, and 17-year-old Leah.

He completed the course and, in 1986, aged 20, came here to study Politics and Theatre in Combined Studies. "It was a perfect combination for me and I loved it," he says.

He considers himself particularly fortunate in being taught by Paul Heritage (now Professor of Performance at Queen Mary, London) and Tony Jackson (recently retired as Professor here). They were both innovators, keen on 'applied' theatre and site-specific production. They took theatre into the prisons and the probation service, focusing on a range of problems experienced by inmates and juveniles.

After setting up his own theatre company on leaving university and working with it for two years, he got the chance to help Paul Heritage with teaching applied theatre in the Drama Department - and they went on to found the Theatre in Prisons and Probation (TiPP) Centre of which he was Director from 1992-99.

During that time, he went out to Brazil, working on HIV AIDS and human rights prison projects in Sao Paulo, and to the US, as a Harkness Fellow, to

**Name**

Professor James Thompson

Current employment

Associate Dean - External Affairs,
Faculty of Humanities

Director of the Centre for University of
Manchester Applied Theatre Research
Professor of Applied and Social Theatre –
The University of Manchester

Previous employment

Director of Research,
School of Arts, Histories and Cultures,
The University of Manchester
2008 – 2011

Senior Lecturer Drama,
The University of Manchester
2002 – 2004

Lecturer Drama,
The University of Manchester
2001 – 2002

Lecturer Part Time Drama,
The University of Manchester
1998 – 2001

Leverhulme Research Fellow,
The University of Manchester
1999 – 2001

Director of The Theatre in Prisons
and Probation (TIPP) Centre
1992 – 1999

Guest Lecturer Drama,
The University of Manchester
1992 – 1998

Harkness Fellow The LBJ School of Public
Affairs
The University of Texas at Austin
1996 – 1997

National prizes

(2011) Times Higher Education Supplement
Award for Excellence and Innovation in the
Arts (for 'In Place of War')

Education

University of Manchester Postgraduate
Diploma in Community Theatre
1989 – 1990

University of Manchester BA (Hons) First
Class Combined Studies - 1986 – 1989

Manchester Polytechnic Certificate in
Community Arts 1985 – 1986

work on arts programmes in the Texas Youth prison system. "It was very interesting working in prisons there, whilst George W Bush was Governor. Also, we had a great time as a family."

After the US he continued to direct the TIPP Centre: "It was a very exciting time," he says. "We worked on all sorts of issues - drugs, violence, alcohol abuse and so on. The response from prisoners was impressive. Theatre enabled them to express themselves and see new options. Essentially, theatre is about being someone else – and that can bring relief. It is very rewarding and enjoyable work."

That work still goes on, but nowadays James is focused on performance and war – a hot topic in our war-torn world. "It is amazing how people, particular young people, seem to find the need and the means to perform under incredibly challenging conditions," he says. "We have documented every conceivable form of theatre in different contemporary war zones including Sri Lanka, Rwanda and the Congo – all done for diverse reasons."

"There are many sides to it," he says. "For example, it can be used as a pro-war force and as propaganda. On the other hand, it can help to reaffirm people's sense of identity. Theatre work has taken place in schools, refugee camps, even during the Blitz in London. While there are projects of commemoration, about reconciliation or justice – there are as many projects that seek to use theatre as a source of celebration, fun, pleasure, release."

Since 2004, thanks to a big Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) grant, James and his colleagues have brought artists together from all parts of the world to Manchester under the 'In Place of War' initiative. Last year, they gathered in Kosovo and this year the venue will be Goma in Eastern Congo, on the Rwanda border.

His seminal book, 'Performance Affects' (Palgrave 2009), has just appeared in a paperback edition, and last year he co-authored 'Performance in Place of War', with Jenny Hughes and Michael Balfour (University of Griffith).

Last year, In Place of War won a coveted THES Excellence and Innovation in the Arts award. James has also been involved with the new Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute that was set up within the University as an inter-Faculty initiative.

In September, James takes on the new job of Associate Dean for External Relations. "I'm really looking forward to it," he says. "It is an exciting challenge, linking with the University's mission to engage beyond the campus with the community, city and organisations nationally and internationally." You could hardly choose a better man, since he has engaged with the community from the start.

On a personal level, James is easy-going, good-humoured and enthusiastic. He's devoted to his family and keen on music and football, coaching an under-nine side in the Timperley League. He, Debbie and the girls are avid Manchester City supporters. Debbie even bought a house on Kippax Street, in the shadow of Maine Road, in the early years. "It was great," says James. "After the final whistle we could be home in time to hear the results."

At the time of our meeting, he was looking forward to going to Wembley to watch City in the FA Cup Final – and eager to get back for another Cup Final the next day involving his boys' side. He was hoping for a real performance – and perhaps an element of war – on both accounts.

What's On

Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre

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Sat 18 June
Moonwatch

An opportunity to discover a little more about our moon with a talk by an astronomer, to observe the moon using telescopes (weather permitting) and explore our new exhibition space. Hot food and drink are included in the price.

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Sat 2 July, 7.30pm to 12am, gates open at 7pm

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Tickets are sold out.

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Sun 26 June

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Sat 2 July

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Sat 9 July

North Wales: Caernarfon Castle and Portmeirion Village

Tickets are available from the International Society office on Oxford Road and also from University House on the Salford University campus.

For more information, please visit our website.

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Gig Guide

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Sat 11 June

Middle Finger Salute + A Little Bit Outlaw - £6 adv

Mon 13 June

Lifeshouse + Emma's Imagination £17.87 adv (Rescheduled show)

Tues 14 June

Gomez - £17 adv

Wed 15 June

Wu-Tang Clan + Yelowolf + Young Dirty Bastard - £29.50 adv

Thu 16 June

3 Doors Down - £19.50 adv

Fri 17 June

Dio's Disciples - £18.50 adv

Sat 18 June

The Horrors + Toy - £10 adv

Tues 21 June

Neal Morse - £20 adv

Weds 22 June

Cascada - £18.89 adv

Sat 25 June

Framing Hanley - £11.50 adv

Mon 27 June

Anvil - £12.50 adv

Thurs 30 June

Let Loose + Crazy For the 90's Party - £15 adv

Sun 3 July

TV On The Radio - £17.50 adv

Mon 4 July

Suicide Silence + All Shall Perish + After The Burial - £10 adv

Thurs 7 July

Combichrist + Mortiiis - £16 adv

Sat 9 July

Alexis Jordan - £12.50 adv

Mon 11 July

Death Cab For Cutie - £20 adv

Tues 12 July

John Butler Trio - £18.50 adv

Weds 13 July

Hayseed Dixie - £17.50 Adv

Thurs 14 July

The Black Crowes - £31.50 adv

Tues 19 July

Primus + Hot Head Show - £23 adv

Sat 23 July

Far East Movement - £16.50 adv

Mon 25 July

Ice Cube + Naughty By Nature - 7pm - £29.50 adv

Thurs 19 July

Bright Eyes - £17.50 adv

Sat 27 July

Electrelane - £12.50 adv

Mon 28 July

That Sunday Feeling - £6 adv

Weds 27 July

Brian Setzer Rockabilly Riot - £30 adv

Sat 30 July

Raul Malo - £19 adv

Thurs 14 July

Black Country Communion ft- Glenn Hughes + Joe Bonamassa + Jason Bonham + Derek Sherinian + Michael Schenker Group - £40 adv

Tues 19 July

Modulate 'Robots Tour 2011' + Deviant UK + The Ladder - £10 adv

Sat 23 July

Mon 25 July

Weds 27 July

Sat 30 July

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Mon 6 June

1.10pm **The University of Manchester String and Baroque Orchestras**

5pm

Beat The Rush Hour Concert: Mozart – Sinfonia Concertante

7.30pm

Manchester University Big Band

Tues 7 June

1.10pm **The University of Manchester Chamber Orchestra**

5pm

Beat The Rush Hour Concert: Joy of Voice

7.30pm

Ad Solem: The University of Manchester Chamber Choir

Wed 8 June

1.10pm **Pictures at an Exhibition: Brass Ensemble**

5pm

Beat The Rush Hour Concert: Stravinsky's Soldier's Tale

7.30pm

Manchester University Wind Orchestra: Picture Postcards 3 – Russia

Thurs 9 June

1.10pm **Opera Scenes**

5pm

Beat The Rush Hour Concert: Chamber Music

7.30pm

The University of Manchester Symphony Orchestra

Fri 10 June, 4pm, 6pm and 7.30pm

MANTIS comes of age: 15th edition of the MANTIS Festival

Part Two: MANTIS (Manchester Theatre in Sound) biannually presents concerts of music and sound, featuring compositions and performances enhanced by the use of new technology and digital media.

Thu 23, Fri 24 and Sat 25 June, 2pm and 7.30pm

Moss High Musical!

A school musical with a twist, Manchester Academy students perform a story of finding a way to change for the better a school that might or might not be the one just down the road from here.

Tues 5 and Wed 6 July, 7pm

Not Part Of Festival: Angels in America

Kushner's multi award winning epic presents an astonishing theatrical landscape, darkly comic and brilliantly moving.

Fri 8 and Sat 9 July, 6.30pm

Not Part Of Festival: Head/Heart

Box of Tricks Theatre presents the world première of Head/Heart an explosive double bill of short new plays exploring love and loss in the 21st century.

Sun 10 July 2011, 3pm – 4.30pm, 5.15pm – 6.15pm

Manchester International Festival 2011: Mark Andre

Manchester International Festival is delighted to welcome Mark Andre to the Festival for the first ever UK performances of his work.

Thurs 14 July, 1.10pm

Not Part Of Festival: University of Manchester Symphony Orchestra

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The Whitworth Art Gallery

EXHIBITIONS

Who Cares? If you only see the illness, you miss the person *until 21 June*

Encounter an environment populated by portraits from the Whitworth's collection alongside work by Lucy Burscough.

Private Paradise *until 21 August*

Wallpaper from the 19th century providing exotic floral arrangements for tired interiors and armchair travel for the bored aristocrat, alongside large-scale, historic scenic wallpapers, and work by contemporary artists.

Family Allowance *until 21 August*

Wicked wives, violent sons, monstrous mothers and feeble fathers come together from within the Whitworth's collection to reveal the darker side of family life.

Manchester International Festival, 2 - 17 July

Featuring Sejla Kamera & Anri Sala's 1395 Days without Red and Projections: Works from The Artangel Collection.

WORKSHOPS

Sat 18 June, 2 - 4pm, £5, booking is essential for this session

Crafternoon Tea

Social art and craft workshop. Enjoy a cuppa whilst trying your hand at some new, unusual techniques in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

FREE EVENTS

Every Thursday, 8.30 - 9.45am

Yoga

A fantastic way to start your day. Use our peaceful gallery spaces to exercise, relax and simply feel better. Booking essential due to limited spaces, t: 0161 275 7450.

Sun 26 June, 12.30-1.15pm, Free

Performance by RNCM students

Enjoy music and art together in a regular series of gallery concerts, given by music students from the Royal Northern College of Music.

Sat 25 and Tue 28 June, 1.15pm

Private Paradise: Tour with Christine Woods

FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Every Mon, 10.30 - 11.30am and 11.30am - 12.30pm

Toddlerastic for under 5s

Every Sun, 1.30 - 3.30pm

Colourful Sundays family workshops

Sun 19 June, 1.30 - 3.30pm

Father's Day Flying afternoon

Opening hours

Monday to Saturday 10am - 5pm

Sunday 12 - 4pm

The Gallery is closed on Good Friday, 22 April and is open as usual on Bank Holiday Mondays and Bank Holiday Friday, 29 April.

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The Manchester Museum

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

Living Worlds

Living Worlds, the Museum's new gallery uses the natural history collection to explore the connections between all living things, including us, and shows how we can all shape the future by the choices we make.

CHINA: Journey to the East *until 26 June*

3,000 years of history and culture through objects from the British Museum and stories about modern day China.

Stonehenge: Henge Diggers *until 17 July*

Photos by Bill Bevan and emotive texts capture the feelings of archaeologists as they dig and make discoveries near this renowned sacred site.

We Are Extinked *July-October*

The Manchester Museum has teamed up with artist group Ultimate Holding Company to present an exhibition of 100 tattoos on an army of ambassadors for threatened species from around the UK.

The Museum Allotment *until October*

Our allotment has been inspired by our new Living Worlds gallery which shows how we can all shape the future by the choices we make.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Most activities are free and drop-in. Some activities may need to be booked on the day and may cost up to £1.50. All ages.

Mon 30 May - Fri 3 June, 11am-4pm

Living Worlds

Create an animal or plant and add it to our giant paper chain of life.

Sat 11 June, 11am-4pm

Big Saturday: Journey to the West

Encounter some of the monsters the 7th century Buddhist Monk and his three powerful disciples came across in the classic Chinese fantasy novel, Journey to the West; handle objects; make a shadow puppet and more.

Sat 9 July, 11am-4pm

Big Saturday: Froglife

Find out how you can help the wildlife that depends on water, see some live animals, meet and listen to talks from experts and take part in art and craft.

Mon 25 July - Fri 26 August, 11am-4pm

The Museum Allotment

Get your hands dirty in The Museum Allotment which has been inspired by our new Living Worlds gallery.

ADULT EVENTS

(book on 0161 275 2648, free, adults and older children)

Wed 8 June, 3-4.30pm, Drop-in, free, adults

Showcase Lecture: Contested Points: A 1920s

Archaeological Controversy

Bryan Sitch, The Manchester Museum.

Sat 11 June, 2-3pm

Conservation and Sustainability: Spending in

Order to Save with Johan Oldekop, The University of Manchester.

Tues 14 June, 12.30-1.30pm

Confucius Institute China talks: Chinese Migration

with Jiaqi Hou, The University of Manchester.

Thurs 14 July, 12.30-1.30pm

Shooting the Time Detectives

Bill Bevan will talk you through his photographs from our Stonehenge: Henge Diggers.

Tues 19 July, 12.30-1.30pm

Confucius Institute China talk

with Ying Kwok from the Chinese Arts Centre.

Opening hours

Open: Tues-Sat 10am - 5pm

Sun-Mon (and Bank Holidays) 11am - 4pm

FREE Admission

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John Rylands Library (Deansgate)

Sat 11 June, 11am - 12pm

Enchanting Tales

Join the Library's storyteller in one of our beautiful book-lined rooms, for tales of magic, mystery and mayhem!

Most suitable for families with children aged 5-12, all welcome.

Sun 12 June, 12 - 12.45pm

Explorer Tour: A Peek Behind the Scenes

Ever wondered where some of the Library doors and staircases lead to? Then this is the tour for you.

Thurs 16 June, 12 - 12.45pm

Collection Close-Up with Library Tour

With one of our curators, enjoy a closer look at material from the Library's world famous collections and find out more about this magnificent building.

Sat 18 and Thurs 23 June, 12 - 12.45pm

Aldus Manutius - Renaissance Man?

Aldus Manutius (1449-1515) was an Italian scholar and printer - inventor of the italic type and the printed book as we know it today.

Sun 19 June, 12 - 12.45pm

Hidden Marvels

This tour looks at the extraordinary feats of engineering skill and architectural design which come together in the form and function of the Library building - a must for the technically-minded.

Thurs 23 June, 7.30 - 8.30pm

Mystery and Magic at Midsummer

This spellbinding event combines the arts of theatre, puppetry and music with the world of storytelling to create an evening of magical entertainment.

Weds 29 June, 1 - 3pm

Toe Dipper Workshop: Creative Printmaking

Part of a series of sessions offering the opportunity to dip your toes into a creative activity, in a comfortable and supportive workshop.

For further details of our events, please our website.

Public opening hours

Mon 12-5pm, Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12pm-5pm

Reader opening hours

Mon-Wed 10am-5pm, Thurs 10am-7pm, Fri-Sat 10am-5pm
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From L-R: Alexandra Shaw, Alwin Puthenpurakal, Elena Polisca, Janet Ellis, Hassan Khalili, Heather Jones, Jamie Ingle, Amy Norris, Justin Kennedy, Francesca Robinson, Craig Wright and Isabella Fairclough

Students as partners

The recent Students as Partners presentation evening recognised some of the hugely dedicated students and staff who demonstrate commitment and dedication far beyond their expected role.

It was also a chance to recognise the achievements of the many staff and students who have taken part in Peer Support (Peer Mentoring and the Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS)) which have seen over 1,500 volunteer higher year students working in over 60 disciplines to support their lower year peers.

These achievements were recognised in the 'Outstanding Contribution to Peer Support Award' at the presentation evening. Ten students (PASS Leaders, Peer Mentors and Student Coordinators) and two staff received awards.

The recipients were Alexandra Shaw, Alwin Puthenpurakal, Elena Polisca, Janet Ellis, Hassan Khalili, Heather Jones, Jamie Ingle, Amy Norris, Justin Kennedy, Francesca Robinson, Craig Wright and Isabella Fairclough.

The impact of Peer Support enhances the student experience and for the award winners it enhances their professional development.

Laura Birch, a Student Co-ordinator of the Psychology Peer Mentoring Scheme, said: "There is a huge range of skills employed which can be developed during the role. You get the opportunity to help change the atmosphere of your School and contribute to the development of others which is incredibly rewarding."

Winner Isabella Fairclough, Religions and Theology PASS Leader, said: "Being a PASS Leader means that you are more involved within the University as a whole. I feel I am giving something back, and in return am getting much more out of my University experience! My self-confidence and self-belief has shot through the roof! Being a PASS Leader has helped me manage my time much better, and has taught me a lot about teamwork and the importance of communication."

Religions and Theology Peer Mentor and PASS Student Coordinator, Craig Wright, said: "I've loved every second of being a Student Co-ordinator! I've gained lots of employability skills like organisation, working with a team and management, but I've also gained a lot as a person. My confidence has grown massively since taking on the role. The award is something I can take into my career as a teacher. Most schools have mentoring programmes, but it is my ambition to use and develop what I've learnt at Manchester, and from Students as Partners, to enhance the school mentoring system."

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A great new space for youngsters to enjoy

Spine-tingling stories and bringing mysterious mythical beasts to life – just two of the surprises on offer to young people visiting a new learning space at the John Rylands Library.

One of the galleries at the Library has undergone a complete overhaul and is now a study space which can be used by schools and colleges. An education programme has also been developed, with a variety of workshops on offer.

The main aim is to introduce young people to the Library and help them feel comfortable there. Hopefully this means that they will return again and again to take advantage of the facilities and special events on offer.

Already over a thousand youngsters have used the new facilities – and bookings are being taken all the time.

Groups will also have the opportunity to keep alive some of the original crafts linked to the Library, like printing and bookmaking.

All of the workshops and tours are free, making the experience available to all. And as you can see from the pictures above there's something on offer for all.

To book a visit or find out more email: jrul.education@manchester.ac.uk

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