

Devo Manc Hub

Exploring Greater Manchester's devolution future

This Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Impact Acceleration Account-funded hub brings together projects from across the University of Manchester exploring the devolution of public policies and services across the ten boroughs of Greater Manchester. These reforms have created a unique policy experiment within the UK, with potentially far reaching academic and practitioner consequences.

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The opportunity to coalesce around a planned programme of activities and agendas will benefit all those working in a rapidly evolving area which is the focus of national policy development (and international scrutiny).

Ed Cox
Director, IPPR North

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Arts and Culture

Abigail Gilmore is developing a public policy and research network exploring the implications of devolution for the arts, creative and heritage sectors and cultural policy across the north.
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Crime and Policing

Francesca Gains and Professor Vivien Lowndes, (University of Birmingham) are examining the introduction of directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners. Innovation in Greater Manchester may develop in other metropolitan areas under devolved arrangements. This research is linked to the European Research Council-funded project [Understanding Institutional Change](#).
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Devolving Race?

This project, funded by the [Hallsworth Fellowship scheme](#) and led by Bethan Harries, examines the potential of the devolution agenda to shape new forms of inclusion and exclusion by contributing to shifting narratives of nationalism and understandings of citizenship.
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Economic Development

Iain Deas, Graham Haughton, Stephen Hincks, and Kevin Ward are working on a series of linked projects to find out how the governance of growth and the politics of austerity in Northern England impact in real terms on people's lives.

The first phase of research has focused on the consequences of austerity in two contrasting Greater Manchester locations: Oldham and Trafford. The second phase is examining successive attempts to bolster metropolitan growth across the North West.

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Health and Social Care

The Health Foundation and the National Institute for Health Research Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (NIHR CLAHRC) Greater Manchester funded-project [Devolving health and social care: learning from Greater Manchester](#) is evaluating, understanding and sharing the experience of health and social care devolution in the Greater Manchester area. The team are considering three topics: mapping plans for improvements in the way services are delivered; understanding policy development and process; and analysing governance, accountability, and organisational forms.

The project is co-led by Kieran Walshe and Ruth McDonald.

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The impact of devolution on patient health and the costs and utilisation of health care services

This Health Foundation funded project seeks to estimate the impacts plans to improve patient health and reduce demand and costs in the region's health care system.

The project involves Alex Turner, Matt Sutton, Luke Munford and Sean Urwin in the Manchester Centre for Health Economics
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Inclusive Governance

Jam and Justice is an action research project investigating how to create more inclusive and just governance arrangements. Liz Richardson and a team including the Universities of Salford, Manchester and Birmingham and the Greater Manchester Centre for Voluntary Organisation (GMCVO) will use live demonstrator projects to test different social innovations in decentralised governance.

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Inclusive Growth

The *Inclusive Growth Analysis Unit* (IGAU) led by Ruth Lupton and established with funding from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, aims to ensure that poverty reduction is central to UK growth and devolution agendas, focusing initially on Greater Manchester.

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Making devolution work differently: housing and transport in Greater Manchester after devolution

This Alliance Manchester Business School Strategic Investment Fund project is exploring the work that devolution is doing with regard to housing and transport in terms of the reconfiguration of governance, infrastructural change and new flows of foreign direct investment.

The project involves Julie Froud, Mike Hodson, Andy McMeekin, Mick Moran, Anne Stafford, Pam Stapleton, Hua Wei and Karel Williams.

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Mobilising Austerity: The Urban Politics of Public Health After the Global Financial Crisis

Cristina Temenos (Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Geography) is analysing the relationship between austerity programs and their effects on public health service provision in Manchester, Athens, and Budapest. The project will identify the economic, political and social stresses involved in providing spaces of care to marginalised communities whilst the pressures on resources continues. This project is funded by the *Urban Studies Foundation*.

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Powerhouse Pioneers: Promoting Political Participation

This is a research project led by Sarah Marie Hall and Laura Pottinger that responds to the concerning absence of youth voice and experience in debates about devolution and the Northern Powerhouse. The research evaluates the impacts of work being undertaken by Manchester youth engagement charity RECLAIM to encourage youth engagement in discussions about Devo Manc.

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SCATTER- Setting City Area Targets and Trajectories for Emission Reduction

Carly McLachlan and colleagues at Tyndall Manchester are working with Anthesis Consulting and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority to develop an energy and emissions pathway tool to help cities plan for a low carbon future as well as monitor and report on their emissions.

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Spatial Rebalancing for Northern England: Alternative Models & Future Scenarios

For almost a century, the 'North/South' divide in England has preoccupied politicians and policy-makers and many Northern towns and cities are economically underperforming their European counterparts. This ESRC-funded project, sponsored by the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) North, assesses attempts to rebalance the UK economy and seeks to offer alternative models of economic development for Northern England. PhD researcher Tom Arnold is supervised by Cecilia Wong, Stephen Hincks and Nuno Pinto.

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This hub will enhance the ability for those involved to share and exchange ideas, issues, and evidence. It will allow the communication and development of research agendas, and it will facilitate an effective presentation of these ideas and policy and research agendas beyond Greater Manchester.

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