

**Transforming Manchester IV**  
a cities@manchester workshop



**4 March 2015, 9:30-16:30**

International Anthony Burgess Foundation  
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Contemporary Manchester continues to exhibit a perplexing mix of on-going decline and dynamic transformation. While the narrative of success tends to dominate urban discussions, only its most zealous advocates would claim that the work is done, that the deep-seated processes of inequality and division have been arrested and reversed. In essence, the regeneration and restructuring of Manchester continues to be a work in progress. The aim of this one-day workshop is to provide an opportunity for urban researchers at the University of Manchester to share their findings on Manchester and the surrounding city region.

This event builds on previous Urban Transformation workshops to support an interdisciplinary dialogue on the empirical and theoretical insights that are being generated from Manchester-based research projects. The workshop will be organised around broad themes such as:

- Ageing and community
- Cosmopolitanism, identity and difference
- Education, class and inequality
- Governance and regeneration
- Place-making and design
- Sustainability and climate change
- Transport and mobility

For details of previous Transforming Manchester workshops please see the cities@manchester website:

<http://www.cities.manchester.ac.uk/events/transformingmanchester>

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The workshop is hosted by cities@manchester

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## Agenda

9:30-9:45 Coffee and Registration

9:45-11:15 **Engaging and Participating in Manchester (Chair: Cecilia Wong)**

Kate Sapin, Community and Youth Work Studies, 'Community engagement in Manchester and the impact of the "Bedroom Tax" on Children's Education'

James Evans and Andrew Karvonen, Centre for Urban Resilience and Energy, 'University Living Lab: Using the campus as a research platform'

Jennifer Rowntree, The Centre for the Genetics of Ecosystem Services, 'Assessing the diet and health of urban bees in Manchester'

11:15-11:30 Coffee/Tea

11:30-13:00 **Deprivation and Reform (Chair: Kevin Ward)**

Stephen Hincks, Centre for Urban Policy Studies, 'Deprived neighbourhoods in transition: the experience of the Greater Manchester city-region'

Juanjo Medina, Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice, 'Mapping perceptions of antisocial behaviour in Manchester'

Stephen Milner, School of Arts, Languages and Cultures, 'Literacy and social reform in 19c Manchester'

13:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 **Sustainability Visions and Contestations (Chair: Charles Jarvis)**

Mike Hodson, Manchester Institute of Innovation Research and Sustainable Consumption Institute, 'Experimenting with sustainable transport and governance in Greater Manchester'

Craig Thomas, Centre for Urban Resilience and Energy, 'A conflict of "visions" in the Greater Manchester "fracking" energy landscape conflict'

Arpana Varma, Manchester Urban Collaboration on Health, 'Public health issues and creating a liveable Manchester'

15:00-15:15 Coffee/Tea

15:15-16:45 **Cosmopolitanism and Difference (Chair: Andrew Karvonen)**

Chris Phillipson and Tine Buffel, Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing, 'Developing Manchester as an "age-friendly" city: current research initiatives'

Yaron Matras and Alex Robertson, Linguistics, 'Civic responses to language diversity'

Elnaz Ghafoorikoohsar, Planning & Environmental Management, 'Traditional retail marketplaces in Greater Manchester: geographies of everyday cosmopolitanism at a frontier of change'