



Manchester Festival of Social Science 2015

Celebrating 50 years of Social Science

7-14 November 2015





Manchester Metropolitan
University and The University
of Manchester are delighted
to be hosting the first ever
Manchester Festival of Social
Science which is generously
supported by the Economic
and Social Research Council.

We are presenting 28 events over 8 days that showcase the best social science research in Manchester and the Northwest.

In an uncertain world the Social Sciences matter more than ever

Check out full listings of our events at: http://bit.ly/

ESRC CHANGING WORLD PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

1st-13th November

Venue: No. 70 Oxford Street, Manchester M1 5NH,

Open: From 10am until 4pm daily from 01–13th November

Suitable for all ages, and for those interested in photography

The "Changing World" exhibition showcases the winning photographs from an Economic and Social Research Council competition that explored the way in which society has changed over the last 50 years. The exhibition opened in March, in London, and is touring various venues throughout the year.

"Changing World" will be on display at Manchester Metropolitan University from 01-13 November. If you are feeling inspired after visiting and are aged 14-18, why not think about entering this years' competition - Focus on Society.

Check www.esrc.ac.uk for details.

THE LAPSED CLUBBER

7th -13th November

Venue: Twenty Two, 20 Dale Street (entrance on Little Lever St), Manchester, M1 1EZ

Opening night: 7th November from 3pm - 6.30pm, Panel discussion with Dave Haslam, John Robb and Rob Fletcher at 6pm.

Open: Monday to Friday 4pm - midnight, Weekends 1pm until late.

Suitable for all ages although this is a licensed bar so age restrictions may apply, call 0161 237 9360 for details.

Aimed at people who appreciate Manchester for its vibrant music scene and embrace the cultural history of clubbing.

The idea that clubbing and dance are not just hedonistic practices but important markers for identity formation is the focus of this exhibition which takes a fresh and original exploration of club culture using photography, personal testimony and a panel discussion featuring the talents of Dave Haslam, John Robb and Rob Fletcher.

Drawing on the musical legacy of Manchester, members of the public are invited to send images that show them clubbing at the time of Madchester (1989-95), as well as pictures of themselves doing something they find pleasurable today. The images and accompanying description will form an exhibition to show how lifestyle changes impact on our understanding of who we are.

CREATIVE CHAOS & THE ART OF DOING: Learning from the Ladyfest DIY

7th-8th November

Venue: Sidney Street Café, The Joyce Layland LGBT Centre,

49-51 Sidney Street, Manchester M1 7HB

Open: 10.30am until 4pm on the 7th November

This event is open to regular users of the Sidney Street Café groups and their quests. It is anticipated that the majority of participants will be aged 16-24.

For further information contact **susan.oshea@manchester.ac.uk**

To register go to: bitly.com/CreativeChaos

- Get creative
- · Learn about DIY music events
- · Plan your own festival
- · Make your own zine and poster
- Discuss the role of gender in music participation

Creative outputs from the event will be on display from 9-14 November at the main exhibition site for the ESRC Festival in Manchester

Workshop facilitators

- Susan O'Shea is a Sociologist at The University of Manchester, a musician and a former Ladyfest organiser.
- Cherry Styles is an Artist, zine-maker and curator at the Salford Zine Library.
- Ingrid Francis has been reading and making zines since 2007.
 She writes the per-zine series Mythologising Me, and has contributed to the Chapess Zine. She's also behind Northwest Zinefest.
- Karis Campion is a PhD student at The University of Manchester examining the narratives and identifications of mixed heritage people in periods of social unrest.

Please bring old magazines, newspapers, photographs etc. Anything crafty to help you make your zine. Some material will be provided on the day.

INTRODUCING QUANTITATIVE METHODOLOGY: WORKING WITH NUMBERS Venue: Geoffrey Manton Building, Rosamond Street West,

Off Oxford Road, Manchester M15 6LL

Open: 10am until 2pm on the 7th November

This workshop is suitable for those in the third sector, and also for those who understand it.

For further information contact: **j.goldring@mmu.ac.uk**

The workshop will deliver an introduction to working with quantitative methods to staff and volunteers from third sector organisations. The aim is to increased confidence and ability when using social sciences methodologies in their day-to-day activities to, on the one hand, look for ways to improve the services they offer their service users, and on the other, demonstrate impact to previous and prospective funders.

The workshop will be 'needs-led' by delegates and can include survey construction, inputting data into Excel, performing and understanding simple statistics such as averages, percentages, etc. along with the ability to interpret and present data in table and graph form.

KIDS SAY THE FUNNIEST THINGS Venue: Manchester Museum, Oxford Road,

Manchester, M13 9PL

Open: 11am-4pm on the 7th and 8th November 2015.

Suitable for a family day out, (for babies who can't talk yet right up to adults!)

Come along to the Manchester Museum to find out about how children learn to talk. You will meet researchers from the ESRC International Centre for Language and Communicative Development (LuCiD) and the museum's experts to see how we investigate children's language and communicative development.

There will be opportunities to take part in hands-on demonstrations and interactive activities, hear short informal talks about the different stages of language development, and plenty of stickers to keep the children happy.

Discover more about the museum's collections and language learning with activities throughout the Museum, including story making activities for the under-fives in the Nature Discovery gallery.

10th November

ENTREPRENEURSHIP, WELLBEING & INNOVATION Venue: Manchester Art Gallery, Mosley Street,

Manchester M2 3JL

Open: 9.30am until 1.15pm on the 10th November

Suitable for Business Community and Policymakers.

This seminar is free to attend, but pre-registration is essential.

To pre-register and reserve your place, please contact Ann Marie McDonald a.m.mcdonald@mmu.ac.uk or call 0161 247 6160.

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) drive economic growth, but very little research exists regarding owner managers' wellbeing and links to innovation. Indeed, the All Party Parliamentary Group on Wellbeing Economics and Office for National Statistics (ONS) advocate more research into wellbeing evidence and improved lives.

This event is a half-day interactive seminar that discusses the wellbeing features (workplace, leisure) owner managers' should prioritise to benefit innovation. The seminar disseminates preliminary findings from the recently completed British Academy funded project 'Entrepreneurship, Wellbeing and Innovation' (Manchester Metropolitan University, University of Strathclyde). In addition, guest speakers will talk about their previous wellbeing research funded by different Research Councils.

It offers short presentations by academics, question and answer sessions and networking opportunities. Places are strictly limited.



Venue: International Anthony Burgess Foundation, 3 Cambridge Street, Manchester M1 5BY

Open: 1.30pm until 5pm on the 10th November

Suitable for the general public, however may be of particular interest to those within the Public or Third sector and also Policymakers.

To register your attendance, please email: **jana.wendler@manchester.ac.uk.**

A project-making workshop that brings together citizens, practitioners and academics from Greater Manchester to learn about the Living Lab approach to sustainability, and to explore the opportunities of collaborative research between universities and society.

The event will consist of an introduction to the Living Lab approach and existing research projects, followed by an idea mapping exercise designed to explore common interests and specific future areas for collaboration. Resulting project suggestions will be shared and promoted across the University Living Lab network.

ASYLUM AND THE CITY: DISCUSSING DISPLACEMENT Venue: The Engine House, The International Anthony Burgess Foundation, 3 Cambridge Street, Manchester

Open: 6pm until 8pm on the 10th November

Suitable for the community, as well as those who have an interest in discovering how Manchester is so diverse culturally.

For booking details please contact: **jonathan.darling@manchester.ac.uk**

The event will be a discussion workshop and exhibition (photography, printmaking and podcasting), based around work undertaken with asylum seekers to mark the 15th anniversary of the UK asylum dispersal programme. This programme relocates those seeking asylum to towns and cities across the country on a 'no choice' basis whilst their claims are considered by the Home Office.

PARTNERS:
EXPLORING INTIMATE
RELATIONSHIPS
THROUGH
DOCUMENTARY
FILM

Venue: Brooks Building, Bonsall Street,

Manchester Metropolitan University,

Manchester M15 6GX

Open: 5.30pm - 7.30pm (Buffet reception at 5.30)

on the 10th November

Register at: http://bit.ly/1OucJWq

Suitable for everyone particularly those interested in documentary film, life in Manchester and folk music, yoga and food politics. Twilight screening of two documentary films, showcasing the contribution of ethnographic filmmaking understanding intimate relationships:

1. How We Know Each Other - 32 minutes

Andrew Stevenson, Department of Psychology

Set in Manchester, the film explores four friendships that were forged through practices such as yogic meditation, Scottish folk music, car-sharing and the fight against food poverty.

2. Tender Kisses are Hard to Find - 20 minutes

Ines Ponte, The University of Manchester Centre for Visual Anthropology.

Set in Lisbon, is an intimate portrait of a Portuguese couple who have been married for many years. Both films celebrate intimacy in everyday life. The filmmakers will be available for Q and A post screening.



UNEQUAL
ME? WHY
INEQUALITY
MATTERS FOR
EVERYONE
FILMTECHNOLOGY

11th November

Venue: The University of Manchester, Oxford Road,

Manchester M13 9PL

Open: 9am until 4pm on the 11th November

This event is open to young people, school and/or college students (students under the age of 18).

Contact: kathryn.simpson-2@manchester.ac.uk

Register at: http://bit.ly/10Eq980

Funded by the ESRC and Nuffield Foundation, this years' Festival of Social Sciences event builds on from the University of Manchester Q-Step Centre's Pilot year. The aims of this event are to:

- showcase to students how social science statistics and numbers can create a picture of the varied aspects of inequality
- help students understand how quantitative skills can help them develop informed arguments about inequality from a wide range of social science perspectives (criminology, philosophy, politics, social anthropology and sociology)
- help students see the value of quantitative methods across the social sciences -support students in making informed decisions about future career choices.

MANCHESTER SCHOOL'S SURVEY RESULTS EVENT Venue: Geoffrey Manton Building, Oxford Road,

Manchester M15 9LL

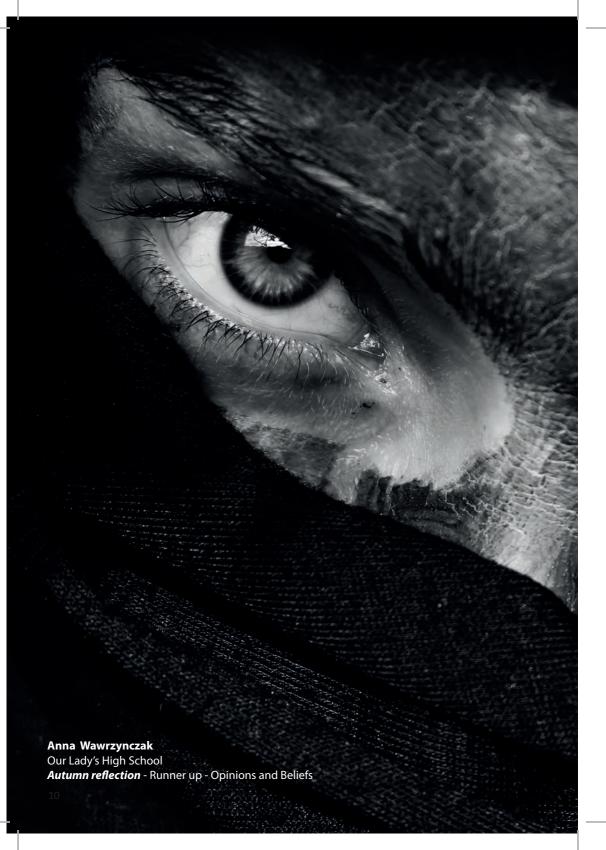
Open: 10am until 4pm on the 11th November

This activity particularly targets students studying GCSE/A-Levels in Social Science subjects and/or Core Maths. .

Details of how to register will be posted at: www2.mmu.ac.uk/qstep

Schools will sign up in September to participate in the Manchester Schools Survey. Participating schools will be supported in the production and distribution of a short survey on pupil attitudes to specific issues relating to their locality. Each school will have a survey team and this team will present its findings at the event on the 11 Nov. Survey teams will receive training and support from Q-Step Centre staff and students. There will be prizes for the best examples of data collection and analysis.

Information on registration will be publicised via the Q-Step website and schools network.



SOCIAL
SCIENCES AND
EVERYDAY
INFLUENCES

Venue: Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester (tbc)

Open: 10am – 3pm

(Open to the public from 09.30 for registration)

on the 11th November

Suitable for schools and college students as well as their teachers.

For further information email: h.l.smithson@mmu.ac.uk

Social science research makes a difference; it is the study of society and the manner in which people behave and influence the world. Social Science affects us all everyday - at school, at work and in within our communities.

Through this free one-day event aimed at Greater Manchester secondary school students (future social scientists), the Research Centre for Applied Social Science (RCASS) at MMU will provide a platform to debate and discuss social sciences issues. It will offer a fascinating insight into social science research undertaken at MMU and how it impacts on for example, governments, local authorities and schools.

Participation is at the heart of the event and students will participate in interactive workshops, spanning subjects including:

- sociology
- criminology
- · human geography
- infocomms

Workshops will include (amongst others):

- · young people's use of video games
- online identity, privacy and safety
- · impact of lighting on space and place
- · youth gangs.



Venue: Brooks Building, Manchester Metropolitan University,

53 Bonsall Street, Hulme, M15 6GX

Time: 1pm until 3pm on the 11th November

Suitable for members of the local community, academics and researchers

To register using Eventbrite go to: http://bit.ly/1LL53Po

The event will be free to attend and draw in local communities to showcase capacities and assets of community partners and universities. The community conversation is a hybrid event, sharing research done with communities and participative working across community-university boundaries. We will also ask communities share their knowledge with us to build stronger relationships of mutual benefit. The assets of communities and the university will be discussed with a view to developing a manifesto.

REDUCING PRECARIOUS WORKPLACES IN THE UK Venue: Booth St West, Manchester, M15 6PB

Time: 1.15pm until 6.30pm on 11th November

Suitable for the general public. Registration is essential.

Register by emailing: damian.grimshaw@mbs.ac.uk

There is an urgent need to find new ways of reducing precarious work in Britain. Since the financial crisis, more and more new jobs are characterised by insecurity, irregular hours of work, low pay and insufficient opportunities to develop skills. At the same time, reforms of employment and welfare rights have reduced the scope of protections for many people in precarious forms of employment.

This public event will highlight new research findings on 'Protective gaps' facing workers in Britain and draw on interventions from leading practitioners in the fields of low pay, employment law, equalities, enforcement and social dialogue. Discussion and debate with full audience participation is integral to the event.

Key questions include:

- What policy reforms are needed to close existing protective gaps?
- What do we mean by 'social dialogue' and can it play a role in reducing precarious work?
- Is there a future for the 'standard employment relationship'?

YES WE CAN! LEARNING DISABLED PEOPLE DOING RESEARCH AND TEACHING Venue: The Deaf Centre, Crawford House, Booth Street East, Manchester M13 9GH

Time: 4pm until 6pm on the 11th November

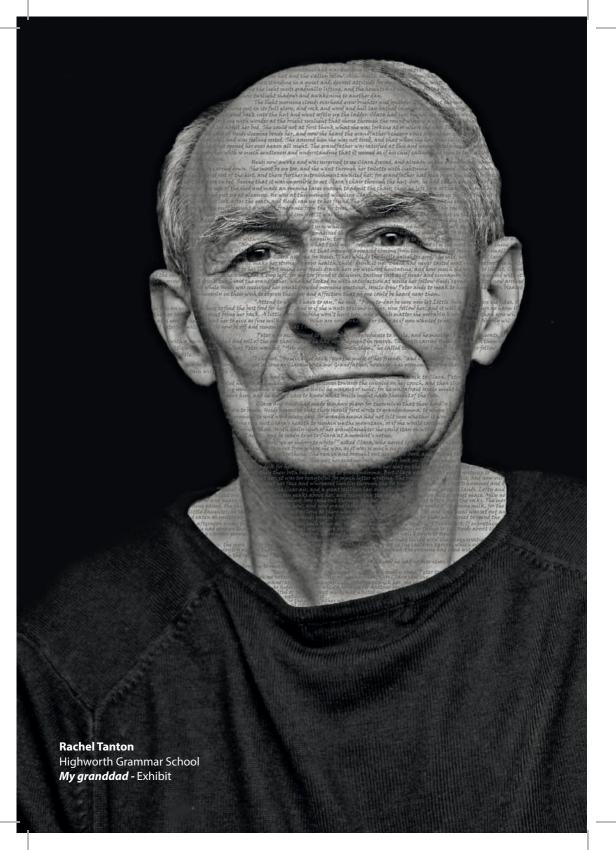
Suitable for the general public, those in the public and third sector, as well as disabled people and their families.

To register using Eventbrite go to: http://bit.ly/1QdBnZa

In recent years we have seen a growing devaluation of the lives of disabled people in general. In face of this, the workshop will celebrate some of the valued social roles learning disabled people can and do fill, and will highlight the crucial role of partnership research in tackling discrimination and social exclusion.

The workshop will be led by learning disabled people and will explore the advantages and barriers to working in partnership. This event offers a much-needed and timely space for critical reflection on current changes to the delivery of services and welfare reform that are increasingly impacting on the lives of disabled people in England. The workshop format will be designed to encourage discussion between the (learning disabled) people leading the workshop and the audience.





WHAT IS THE POINT OF RESEARCH? **Venue: The Hideaway Youth Project, The Armani Centre,**

Quinney Cresent, Shoreham Close,

Manchester M16 7DG

Time: 5pm until 7pm on the 11th November

Suitable for the general public, University researchers, as well as College and School students, those within the third sector and Policymakers. The film will also be available online following the event.

For further details contact: kate.sapin@manchester.ac.uk

Register at: http://bit.ly/1PiGkm8

Young people from the Hideaway Youth Project in Moss Side will showcase their film based on interviews with researchers at the Manchester Institute of Education at The University of Manchester and with each other about research on equity in education, disadvantage and poverty as well as political and social policy.

The filmmakers will engage with participants in discussion about the value of educational and political research and its potential to make a difference not only to political policies, but young people's lives. Refreshments will be provided.

SHARING KNOWLEDGE ABOUT FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM) Venue: Benzie Building, Manchester Metropolitan University, Cavendish Street, Manchester M15 6BR

Time: 5.30pm until 7.30pm on the 11th November

Suitable for the General public (students) including Policymakers to those in the third sector, to Teachers and Young people in school and/or college, as well as those who are in the public sector and those who are retired.

To register using Eventbrite go to: http://bit.ly/1LLgHK8

This event will bring together the practitioner movement with those from academia to provide important information about FGM in Greater Manchester

The evening will provide an opportunity for the audience to view a small exhibition about FGM, including access to some online videos, followed by a presentation from Dr Kate Cook's current work on the law on FGM. There will then be time for discussion and networking. In November of 2014, Dr Cook chaired an important conference on FGM at MMU, with 250 delegates attending. Since then she has been working on an evaluation of recent changes within the Serious Crime Act 2015, where key provisions came into force in May 2015. At present there are very few legal academics considering the law on FGM and a correspondingly scant literature. This work is therefore rare, useful and demonstrates significant future impact within the social sciences and society.

11th & 12th November



Venue: Manchester Metropolitan University, Geoffrey Manton

Building, Jenkinson Street, Manchester M15 6LL

Open: 10am and 2pm on the 11th and 12th November

(two walks will start from MMU on 11 & 12 November,

10am - 2pm)

Suitable: For anyone and everyone, and for those who wish to question where and how we live now and in the future(s)

Numbers are limited to 30 walkers each day for health and safety reasons. People with mobility issues will be included where possible, but the organisers must be informed of any needs.

In the first instance, potential participants should email David Haley - **d.haley@mmu.ac.uk** will supply the link to an Eventbrite booking form.

Ecology In Practice at Manchester Metropolitan University with Universita di Firenze Sustainable Airports Project and the Biospheric Foundation will create two walks, with thirty participants on each walk. Targeted multi-sector participants, staff and students will book their place on a walk, via Eventbrite.

Although urban sustainability is relevant to everyone, people rarely have the time and space to question it. The walks will stimulate a dérive of futures thinking, ranging from local and international transport to biodiversity, food production, poverty, health, housing, adaptability and Climate Change. Talking while walking stimulates particular rhythms of self-organising conversation that will be reflected upon at specific sites of sustainable urban inquiry. The walkers (and online participants) will be able to view their experience on Youtube two days later to engage further through a blog for continuing dialogue and research development.

For full details, please go to: https://walkaboutthecity.wordpress.com

12th November

ARE YOU REALLY MY FRIEND? DIGITAL FRIENDSHIPS Venue: The Shed, Digital Innovation, John Dalton West, Manchester Metropolitan University, Chester Street,

Manchester M1 5GD

Time: 10am until 1pm on the 12th November

Suitable for the general public.

To register using Eventbrite go to: http://bit.ly/1KJn4H8

Join us for a half day debate on the nature of digital friendship. Step changes in technology have influenced the way friendship are built and maintained. 62 per cent of UK adults (Ofcom, 2014), and 81 per cent of UK 13-18 year olds (YouGov, 2014) now own a smartphone, increasing the options for digital friendship, such as Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram. Although there are concerns over the increasing dominance of online friendships, a growing evidence base suggests digital friendship can impact positively on offline friendships (Davis, 2012).

This event aims to give our audience a chance to debate these ideas in light of their own experiences, with input from an expert in the field of digital communication, and a social scientist.

Questions will include:

- Is it possible to trust someone if you have never met them face to face?
- How authentic are online friendships?
- Is authenticity being redefined by the digital environment?

HOW TO RUN THE COUNTRY: SIX MONTHS ON Venue: The New Business School, Manchester Metropolitan

University, Manchester M15 6BH

Time: 3.45pm until 6.30pm on the 12th November

Suitable for the general public (students), to College Students (who have an interest in all things parliamentary) and their Teachers.

To register using Eventbrite go to: http://bit.ly/1iEcJG3

In the run up to the May 2015 election, the authors of the Haynes How to Run the Country Manual - Kevin Albertson, Ian Rock, James Meadway and Chris Fox - set out their stall regarding the problems and priorities, the opportunities and obfuscations, facing the UK and what the government (and electorate) might do about it.

Now 't'lads are back in town' six months after the general election to hold the nation, the government and the opposition(s) to account. With the ominous signs of another financial crisis brewing, it seems yet more appropriate to consult the manual and ask 'How is the Country being Run?' and perhaps even 'Can the Country be Run?' Join James, Kevin, Ian and Chris on the Thursday 12 November to consider How to Run the Country: Six Months On! It's time to hear and be heard as we constructively criticise Economics, Politics and Society during the Government's first six months in office.

CRESC ANNUAL LECTURE 2015: WHAT CAN DEVOLUTION DO? Venue: Room 2.058, 2nd Floor, Arthur Lewis Building, The University of Manchester, Oxford Road,

Manchester, M13 9PL

Time: 6pm until 9pm on the 12th November

Suitable for the General public interested in Devolution, as well as those within the Public and third sector, policymakers and business the business community.

To register using Eventbrite go to: http://bit.ly/10kwYEC

The general election result will accelerate moves to devolution and intensify the post Scottish referendum debate about the proper form and extent of devolution to the Celtic nations and the English city regions. This major public lecture and debate will concentrate on what kind of opportunity devolution represents. The public lecture will be given by **Natalie Bennett, Leader of the Green party**, and three social scientists

DISCOVERING NEIGHBOURHOOD STATISTICS

13th November

Venue: Humanities Bridgeford Street Building,

Manchester

Time: 9.30am until 12.30pm on the 13th November

The event is relevant to the target audience members of local organisations interested in discovering aspects of the neighbourhoods where they live but may not know how to access these tools (or how to use them).

Contact: laurence.lessard-phillips@manchester.ac.uk

Register at: http://bit.ly/1GldELf

This will be a three hour-long workshop (based in a computer lab) to introduce the Neighbourhood Statistics website to individuals who are unfamiliar with the online tool, which is freely available.

The topics to be covered are:

- overview of the website (main purpose and main data sources)
- brief introduction to the geographical units utilised when gathering and presenting area-level data (eg Census, electoral and administrative geographies
- in-depth exploration of the main tools available on the Neighbourhood Statistics website to access area-level data (ie Finding Statistics, Neighbourhood Summary, Topics, Custom Searches)
- brief discussion of how data can be presented (tables or maps)
- additional resources (eg online support and face-to-face training opportunities).



Venue: Arthur Lewis Building, Bridgewater Rd, Manchester M13 9PL

Time: 10am until 4pm on the 13th November

This event will be suitable people who are working to develop age-friendly environments within the UK. This will include local government, housing trusts, community organisations, voluntary sector and private sector organisations as well as older people themselves.

Contact: micra@manchester.ac.uk

What makes an Age Friendly City? International perspectives on policy and practice. A one day seminar and linked exhibition at Manchester Town Hall exploring the ways in which urban and city environments can contribute to 'healthy' and 'active' ageing.

The event will be co-produced with Manchester City Council and third sector organisations.

BEYOND THE FRACKING POLEMIC: 'ENERGY LANDSCAPE' Venue: Room F12, Friend's Meeting House, 6 Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS

Time: 1pm until 5pm on the 13th November

(Meet in the Friends meeting house from 12:45 where rooms will be booked for the event.)

Suitable for the general public and those interested in how fracking affects the world on a greater scale.

Pre-registration is required to come to this event. Please contact: craig.thomas@manchester.ac.uk.

An exciting session that brings together citizens from Greater Manchester to engage in a role play game around key stakeholder perspectives, built around responses to proposed 'fracking' in Greater Manchester and the ways our attachments help to determine the response.

The game itself is an exercise in grassroots democracy and requires negotiation skills to be used by participants as they work within the human-environment limitations of their selected character.

Fracking is a salient local concern and the game challenges participants to think about related issues beyond the conventional 'pro / anti' fracking polemic that is often used to frame debate. The game moves through stages triggered by information provided by participants and there are multiple possible end games. to win.

This is also an opportunity for participants to give feedback on their own experience and to improve the game itself!

CITIZEN
SOCIAL SCIENCE:
CROWDSOURCING
SOCIAL SCIENCE
RESEARCH

Venue: Manchester Business School, Booth Street West, Manchester M15 6PB

Time: 10am until 5pm on the 13th November

Suitable for anyone who wants to find out how they can become meaningfully involved in the scientific process and how the social sciences help in developing a better understanding of that process.

Contact: a.greenhill@manchester.ac.uk

This event is designed to give attendees at the Manchester Museum a hands on opportunity to find out more about social science research projects. What's more you can directly start contributing to the social sciences yourself.

The event is designed to engage members of the public through the use of a number of computer terminals that offer 'real social science' data in need of analysis. Using the Zooniverse, an online citizen science platform you will be able to try out a selection of social science projects, all offering an interactive multi-sensory experience of image and sound-based data.

YOUTH OF TODAY: BEING YOUNG IN MANCHESTER

14th November

Venue: Z Arts, 335 Stretford Road, Hulme,

Manchester M15 5ZA.

Venue open from 9.45 for registration

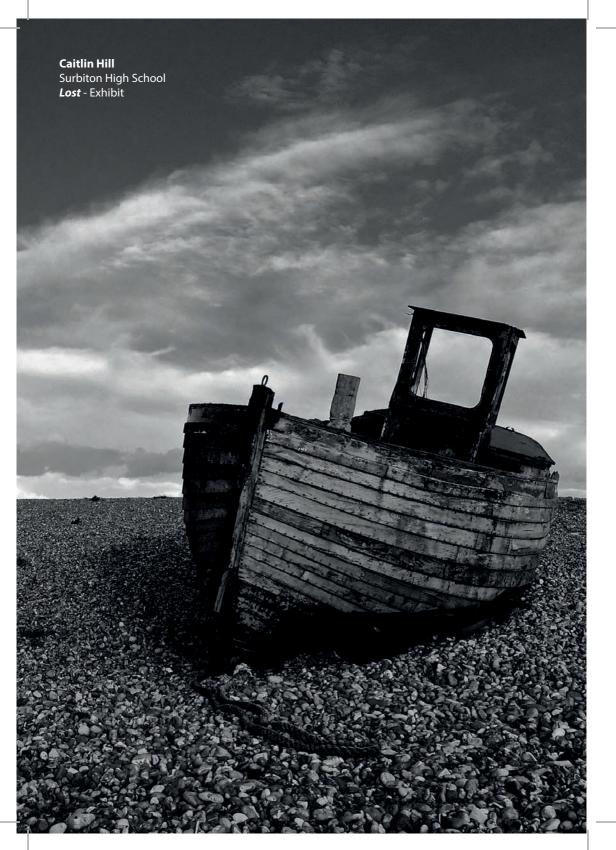
Time: 10am until 3pm on the 14th November

Suitable for Young people who attend school and/or college, as well as those in the public and third sector.

To register using Eventbrite go to: http://bit.ly/1FUuwUr

What does it mean to be young in Manchester today? What issues currently affect young people's lives? What changes would make a difference to them?

Exploring what local young people see as important to their own lives and futures, is key to this event. Society often thinks of young people as a single category and social 'problem'; in this workshop, we'll offer local young people a chance to have their voices heard, and think about solutions to challenges in their lives. We'll also question whether young people's experiences, and the challenges they face, have changed over time. To help us find out, we'll watch extracts from 'Forever Young: Eight Decades of Youth Culture told by People who were there', a documentary tackling issues including education, politics, racism, relationships, music, and fashion, and talk to some of the people interviewed, about their experiences of growing up in Manchester since the 1970s.



BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE Venue: Manchester Metropolitan University,

Brooks Building, 53 Bonsall Street,

Manchester M15 6GX

Time: 10.30 – 3pm on the 14th November

Suitable for the general public. This is an open public event, at a fully accessible venue. There will be free parking and light refreshments available throughout the day. No prior knowledge of iPad usage is required.

Bridging the digital divide is an interactive public event to showcase research to families and educators on how iPads and selected apps can be used to promote learning and development for children and young people with additional needs.

There will be a series of fun activities including a hands-on iPad sessions on Art, Music, Maths and language; to share the findings from an Manchester Metropolitan University funded collaborative partnership with three specialist schools in Manchester - Bridge College, The Grange and Charnwood Nursery. Representatives from the schools and the research team will demonstrate the benefits of using tablet technologies to promote learning, enhance communication and provide additional opportunities for children and young people of all ages and abilities.

HARD FEELINGS: THE SCIENCE OF EMOTION Venue: Museum of Science and Industry, Liverpool Road, Manchester M3 4EP

Time: 10.30am until 3.30pm on the 14th November

Suitable for the general public, as well as school and college goers.

Contact: karen.lander@manchester.ac.uk

Our emotions are central to our lives - they allow us to figure out what we like and what we don't like and dictate how we should act in different situations. A number of key questions have fascinated scientists over the centuries, such as:

- What is an emotion?
- How good are we at recognising emotions in others?
- Does everyone smile when they are happy?

In this event, we explore these questions and other aspects of the perception and recognition of emotion in a series of interactive displays and hands-on activities. We explain the underlying science and highlight ongoing debates. Specifically, we consider what is meant by 'emotion', and how expression and recognition of emotion differ from faces, voices and body movements. We also aim to collect some 'live' data in a five-minute experiment.

Members of the public are invited to contribute their views.

Calendar of Events

For full details check the listings at: http://bit.ly/1VRHF7M

NOV 7 th -13 ^h	Exhibitions ESRC Changing World Photographic Exhibition The Lapsed Clubber	10:00 - 15:00 16:00 - late
NOV 7 th -8 th	Kids say the Funniest Things.	11:00 & 16:00
NOV 7 th	Creative Chaos And The Art of Doing: Learning From The Ladyfest DIY Ethos Introducing Quantitative Methodology: Working With Numbers	10:30 - 16:00 10:00 -14:00
NOV 10 th	Entrepreneurship, Wellbeing And Innovation The University Living Lab And Collaborative Research Asylum And The City: Discussing Displacement Partners: Exploring Intimate Relationships Through Ethnographic Film	09:30 - 13:15 13:30 - 17:00 18:00 - 20:00 17:30 - 19:30
NOV 11 th	Unequal Me? Why Inequality Matters For Everyone Manchester Schools' Survey Results Event Social Sciences And Everyday Influences Walkabout The City? This event is running on both the 11th and the 12th A Community Inspired Conversation Reducing Precarious Employment In Uk Workplaces Learning Disabled People Doing Research And Teaching What Is The Point Of Research? Sharing Knowledge About FGM	09:00 - 16:00 10:00 - 16:00 10:00 - 15:00 10:00 - 14:00 13:00 - 15:00 13:15 - 18:30 16.00 - 18.00 17:00 - 19:00 17:30 - 19:30
NOV 12 th	Beyond The 'Fracking' Polemic: 'Energy Landscape' Game How To Run The Country: Six Months On CRESC Annual Lecture – Devolution Are You Really My Friend? Exploring Digital Relationships	13:00 - 17:00 15:45 - 18:30 18:00 - 21:00 10.00 - 13.00
NOV 13 th	Discovering Neighbourhood Statistics What Makes An Age Friendly City? Citizen Social Science, Crowdsourcing Social Science Research	09:30 - 12:30 10:00 - 16:00 10:00 - 17:00
NOV 14 th	Youth Of Today: Being Young In Manchester Bridging The Digital Divide Hard Feelings: The Science Of Emotion	10:00 - 15:00 10:30 - 15:00 10:30 - 15:00