

A Human Development Report for Greater Manchester

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Today the University of Manchester is publishing a Human Development Report for Greater Manchester. The report itself mirrors the approach taken by the United Nations by measuring human development in Greater Manchester and all its constituent local authorities along three dimensions of health, knowledge and standards of living.



The report sets out Human Development Indicators for Greater Manchester and its ten local authorities across six key life stages for early years, through school to adulthood, into mid life, older working age and old age. This approach is truly people centred as it recognises the significance for everyone's life course of key life transitions and the importance of support being available to enable people to make good transitions from one life stage to the next. By taking this approach, the report sheds light on the variety of problems and challenges the combined authority will face in tackling poverty and inequality and in ensuring everybody reaches their potential.

The report reveals wide inequalities, not just between our city region and the national average or 'benchmark' (that is the average development scores for England) but also among the local authorities and by life stage. Greater Manchester as a whole is below the national benchmark for all of the indices. Across the ten boroughs, three local authorities (Trafford, Stockport and Bury) are frequently above the national benchmark and five others experience particularly low scores, at less than 60% of the national benchmark. Out of nine indices this applies to Manchester in six cases and to Oldham and Rochdale in five. Greater Manchester and its constituent authorities tend to score particularly poorly on measures of physical health and standards of living and the life stages where scores are particularly low include the early years, older working age and retirement to old age.

The report goes beyond constructing indices and explores how Greater Manchester fares in respect of health, knowledge and standards of living across the life course. These analyses reveal some striking results:

- That men in the most deprived quintiles within local authorities in GM are expected to live seven to ten years less than those in the least deprived;
- That children eligible for free school meals may fare no better and sometimes worse in those local authorities with overall higher average educational performance;
- That the gender pay gap is lower in GM than for England, largely due to lower male earnings;
- That 70% of professional jobs in Manchester are taken by those under 40 compared to 50% for GM as a whole;
- That it is families with children that are particularly over-represented in low skilled jobs or unemployment relative to the average for England; and
- That among the older working age population, a very high share have not worked for ten years or more or in the case of women have never worked.



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More in depth research is needed before statistical findings can inform detailed policy programmes but the report does point to some principles concerning how to think about and do policy. With devolution and a new mayor in place, there is a new political space for thinking about how we approach social problems and policy challenges. The report calls for people to be put at the centre of development and for a rethinking of policy frameworks, including social goals in investment criteria, so that we move beyond the short term cost benefit approach. It supports the need for policy to take a life course approach, with policies addressing critical life stages, such as the transition into adulthood or the need to ensure people have good quality work in midlife.

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Salford Anti-Poverty Taskforce

In February 2017, [Salford City Partnership](#) launched its new anti-poverty strategy: [No One Left Behind: Tackling Poverty in Salford](#). In support of this strategy, the [Sustainable Housing & Urban Studies Unit \(SHUSU\)](#) at the University of Salford has been supporting Salford City Mayor, Paul Dennett, to establish the Salford Anti-Poverty Taskforce. The aim of this Taskforce is to provide robust research and analysis that can feed into the delivery of the anti-poverty strategy, focusing on both qualitative and quantitative research. Working with academics from across the University, SHUSU is helping to coordinate a programme of research that supports Salford's anti-poverty agenda. Co-creation is at the heart of the Taskforce, with research co-produced by the University and Salford City Council, but also underpinned by consultation with wider stakeholders including 'experts by experience', voluntary and private sector organisations, to ensure the delivery of research that is grounded in the needs of relevant stakeholders.

Current Taskforce projects include: the impact of the benefit cap; exploring poverty and social exclusion in the private rented sector; exploring 'affordable rents'; and understanding the link between poverty and child protection. These mixed methods projects combine existing secondary data held by Salford City Council with new primary data collected by University researchers which explore the lived experiences of poverty in Salford.



Paul Dennett

Salford City Mayor, Paul Dennett said: *"We have a serious commitment to tackling poverty here in Salford, which is why we have prioritised the Taskforce to build an evidence-base of living conditions in modern Britain. Though we provide many fantastic services through the council – services that truly save lives – we know that some of the structural causes of poverty can only be challenged nationally. That's why awareness-raising projects such as this play such an integral role in our approach, shining a spotlight on the conditions people find themselves in in 21st century Britain"*

The Taskforce will also provide opportunities for students to support the *Anti-Poverty Strategy* through dissertation projects and placements, and the Taskforce currently has two Masters students delivering projects focusing on digital exclusion in relation to benefit claims and child poverty in Salford.

Dr Lisa Scullion, Associate Director of the University's Sustainable Housing and Urban Studies Unit (SHUSU), said: *"Tackling a huge social problem like poverty requires an in-depth understanding of what life is like for those affected on a daily basis. The University of Salford has a long history of engagement with the local community and we are proud to be working closely with Salford City Council and partners to provide the robust data that is needed to create policies that will have the greatest impact possible"*



Lisa Scullion

For further information about the Taskforce and our projects, please contact: [Jacquie Russell](#) (Salford City Council) or [Dr Lisa Scullion](#) (University of Salford)



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Inspiring Change Manchester



At a Glance update

Inspiring Change Manchester is about developing innovative new approaches to working with people with multiple needs, and putting people with lived experience at its heart. In their latest e-bulletin they are focussing on co-production; sharing examples of how it works and defining it in a way that they hope services will be able to understand how it can work for them.

They share an example of co-production leading to cost-free solutions; how professionals and people with experience of accessing services are talking about the 'elephants in the room'; and there is also a report about how people are falling through gaps in services, which can be used to influence future strategy.

A new PhD student at Manchester Metropolitan University, Nigel Allmark is looking at promoting community participation in the co-production of the Manchester Homelessness Charter and he is asking people with lived experience of homelessness, workers supporting those people, policy makers, commissioners and anyone who wants things to change to get in touch.

Nigel can be contacted by [email](#). The full e-bulletin is available [here](#).



More Food, More Help, More Need in 2017



With over 200 Community Food Members and tonnes of surplus food on the move every day, FareShare Greater Manchester is now one of busiest FareShare depots in the UK. In 2016, 1.9 million meal portions were distributed to 230 charities and community organisations across the region. Together the FareShare membership provides food to approx. 20,000 people in need each week.



Mark from Supporting People in Need (and also a FareShare volunteer) congratulates our homeless colleague for securing a job

To achieve these results FareShare relies on the dedication and effort of volunteers who help run the warehouse and office, deliver the food and visit the membership. At least 20 volunteers are needed per day. They are involved in the challenge of getting as much food received, allocated and delivered as efficiently as possible. Some of the volunteers join FareShare's Give & Gain training programme to get an NOCN level 2 qualification and work experience in warehousing. It may surprise some readers to know that some of the FareShare volunteers are homeless and rough sleepers. Recently one of our homeless volunteers secured full time employment as a result of working with FareShare which was a great boost to the team at the end of a very grim week in Manchester. To find out more about giving time to FareShare please email [Liz Lauder](mailto:Liz.Lauder@fareshare.org.uk) or call on 0161 223 8200 option 6

FareShare can also accommodate corporate / employer supported volunteer days for individuals or teams looking to 'give back' as part of a CSR strategy. Companies that regularly volunteer include Kellogg's, Sodexo and CDL Ltd. The volunteers assist deliveries or help in the warehouse with sorting food items. The day starts with a full health and safety briefing and protective footwear and clothing is provided. To find out more email [FareShare](mailto:info@fareshare.org.uk) or call 0161 223 8200 option 4



MD of Kelloggs UK & RI, European CSR manager and UK manager all volunteering

Securing more food donations from the Greater Manchester food sector (manufacturers and retailers) is a priority for FareShare at the moment. Working to professional food hygiene regulations and equipped with fork lift trucks and four vans, FareShare can now respond swiftly to offers of surplus, particularly larger quantities. To offer in date surplus food, companies can call [Miranda Kaunang](mailto:Miranda.Kaunang@fareshare.org.uk), Development Manager, on 0161 223 8200 option 4



Bill and Stan having their dinner at a luncheon club FareShare supports

Alongside School Holiday Provision and support for Older People's luncheon clubs, Rochdale, Bury, Wigan and Oldham are priority areas for FareShare membership development in 2017. FareShare has the capacity to reach new members. To find out more contact FareShare on 0161 223 8200 option 4. The application can be downloaded from the FareShare [website](http://www.fareshare.org.uk) and to see more about FareShare go to our [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/FareShareGtrM) or follow us on Twitter [@FareShareGtrM](https://twitter.com/FareShareGtrM)

The Trussell Trust Stockport Foodbanks will be collecting again this summer at the Tesco Handforth Dean store on Friday June 30 and Saturday July 1 and at the Portwood store on Friday July 7 and Saturday July 8 usually from 9am until about 5pm. If you can help them by volunteering for just 90 minutes please get in touch with [Nigel Tedford](mailto:Nigel.Tedford@trusselltrust.org) the Project Manager by email or call on 07483 115349 or 0161 487 3370



Some of the team 'Standing together' at the end of an awful week

Forthcoming Events:

Manchester BME Network Community Iftar

On June 15th from 8pm in Longsight

This event may well be fully booked now but if you would like to go please call Fiona on 07811 531160 or 0161 860 6842 to check if there are places left or perhaps any last minute cancellations.

The Hopes and Adversities of Migration and Integration

On Tuesday June 20th, 2017 from 1.30 - 4.30pm at Lecture Room G14, Lady Hale Building, University of Salford, Salford M5 4WT hosted by SHUSU



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A free event to mark Refugee Week 2017. Bringing together a number of influential speakers from different backgrounds to share their insights, knowledge and experience related to migration and integration in the UK. [More information and to book.](#)

Manchester Voices: Launch Event

On Thursday June 22nd, 2017 from 5 - 8pm at Manchester Central Library, Manchester M2 5PD

Manchester Voices is an ongoing project investigating and celebrating the accents, dialects, and people of Greater Manchester. It looks at the ways in which our use of language makes us who we are and explores perceptions of the way we speak across the region. After this launch event the exhibition is open until August 31st, 2017. [More information and to book for the launch.](#)

Greater Manchester Poverty Action Meeting

On Wednesday July 5th, 2017 from 10am -1pm at Church House, 90 Deansgate, Manchester M3 2GH

A meeting of GMPA's network, including the Special Interest Groups (SIGs):

- Food Poverty
- Fuel Poverty
- Work and Wages
- Early Years Poverty



The SIGs will report on their activities over the last year, GMPA will present their vision and objectives for the year ahead, and there will be plenty of time for discussion in groups about what we can achieve together to reduce poverty in Greater Manchester. **Genuinely just a few places left.** [Please book here.](#)

The Clatter of Clogs

On Wednesday September 6th, 2017 starting at Salford Museum and Art Gallery, The Crescent, Peel Park, Salford M5 4WU followed by a walking tour and visiting Wood Street Mission

Meandering tales of Salford slums, literary genius, temperance, gangland violence, and a fight for human rights. A look at the museum archives followed by a walking tour concluding at Wood Street where the mission, moved to this site in 1873, is still based. A tour of the mission and refreshments complete the event. [More information and to book.](#)



Any events you'd like GMPA to publicise? [Email us with the details](#)

Why GM Poverty Action?

In the Recommendations Report of the Greater Manchester Poverty Commission, 2.4 *Maintaining Momentum on Poverty* called for the formation of a Poverty Action Group to help take forward the work of the Commission.

A small number of public, private and civic sector individuals came together to form GMPA. This group has since grown to over 700 individuals from more than 200 organisations plus Local Authorities and MPs and an increasing number of members of the public.

GMPA is based upon principles of cooperation between organisations.

For more information about Greater Manchester Poverty Action

please visit our [website](#), follow us on [Twitter](#) or visit our [Facebook](#) page. You can also visit our YouTube channel [Community Voices](#)

All these platforms are there to share news and opinion from our readers, from GM Poverty Action and from the community.

We want to celebrate our successes, find new ways of working together and provide a voice for the people living in poverty in our region. But we can only do this with your help and support.

For more information or to share your news please contact [Chris](#)

Copies of previous newsletters are available on our [website](#)

If you would like to contact us or submit an article for inclusion in a newsletter please get in touch in one of the following ways:

Post: c/o 5th Floor Church House, 90 Deansgate, Manchester M3 2GH

Or contact our Communications Manager: Chris Bagley
T: 07419 774537 [Email](#)
and we will reply as soon as possible.

NB GMPA does not have full-time dedicated administrative support so please do not expect an immediate response.

