



Public and Community Engagement Newsletter, June 2023

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Welcome to the Research and Enterprise Public and Community Engagement newsletter

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Community of Practice #3 with Marta Strzelecka talking about engagement with Environmental Sustainability

At our third Community of Practice for Engagement, Marta Strzelecka from our [Environmental Sustainability](#) Team presented to us with an overview of the engagement work happening in across the University coming out of our [Environmental Sustainability Plan](#).

The presentation highlighted the growing programme of activities that are organised on and off campus to connect our staff and students with local green spaces and the local community. Over the last year the number of events and attendees has increased greatly as people want to get in touch with green spaces more after the COVID-19 pandemic.



Here are a selection of activities that you can get involved with:

- **Green Impact** - sustainability engagement programme for staff members. [Find out more](#)
- **Green Campus Group** - information about green spaces on and around campus, and opportunities to get involved. [Join on Teams](#)

- **Hedgehog Friendly Campus** - national campaign which aims to turn university campuses into safe havens for hedgehogs. [Find out more](#)
- **Community Growing Space** - community garden located behind the Clifford Whitworth library. Open to all to use for rest, socialising and meetings. [Join our volunteering hub on Teams](#)
- **Plastic Free UoS** - we're working to eliminate avoidable single use plastics from our stationery, catering and labs, as part of a Greater Manchester plastic-free pledge. [Find out more](#)
- **Salford Tree Trail tours** - two guided walks along the Salford Tree Trail, with focus on summer tree identification. [Sign up here](#)

You can watch the full presentation on [catch up here](#) including a Q&A with colleagues from across the University.

Please join our [Community of Practice for Engagement Teams site](#) to keep up to date with future meet ups, events, activities, and advice.



Go Green Salford 2023

24 in-person events

- Hedgehog workshops
- Litter picks
- Salford Swap Shop
- Nature walks
- Gardening sessions
- Guest talks
- Sustainable art workshops and installations
- 2-day BioBlitz

Collaboration

- Students: 10
- Staff: 11
- Community/external: 7



Online presence

- Dedicated website
- Daily social media posts
- Weekly internal comms articles (stuff & student hubs)

Salford to Collaborate with University of Liverpool on being a Fame Lab Regional Hub

I had the pleasure of visiting [Cheltenham Science Festival](#) earlier this month to take part in a launch event and training evening for [Fame Lab](#) 2024. For the first time Salford and University of Liverpool will collaborate on a regional hub for participants from the region who are aiming to win a place in the grand final at Cheltenham Science Festival next year.

This will give us the great honour to offer free science communication training to the next generation of scientists in the region. The launch event gave me the chance to meet with other more experienced hub organisations and take part in some motivational train the trainer presentations. We also got to experience an inspirational selection of Fame Lab competitors from years gone by at a showcase event. Then I had time to explore the festival during the evening and enjoy some of the festival events.

Watch this space for more details and feel free to **get in touch** if you would like to contribute to the organising of the group.

Celebrating Refugee Week at the Zine Makers Space

A zine making workshop was held in [The Library's Zine Maker](#) Space to celebrate [Refugee Week](#) which had the theme of Compassion this year. Participants were invited to make a zine (self-published, hand-made booklet or magazine) to share their stories and experiences.

Copies of some of the zines that were created are now available in the zine vending machine. To get hold of a copy, come over to the Library and ask for a token for the vending machine from the enquiry desk.

Making zines is a great way to bring together a group of people in a relaxed, social and creative environment to reflect on a subject and create a response.

It is a great activity to do with your staff team as part of an away day or with an local community group as part of a research project. Getting started only takes a little while and people pick up what they need to do quickly and easily bring their own personality and creativity to the task.

Get in touch and give it a go!

Find out more about the Zine Maker Space here and get in touch to organise a session or just drop in and make!

<https://www.salford.ac.uk/library/archives-and-special-collections/zines>

Morson Maker Space Collaborates with Muslimic Makers Network MCR

Earlier this month our Morson Maker Space collaborated with [Muslimic Makers Network MCR](#). Powered by the [Morson Group STEM Foundation](#), these workshops aim to promote diversity and inclusivity in the tech industry while fostering a passion for making and digital skills.

Muslimic Makers Networks are a dynamic online community that connects Muslim professionals in the tech industry and beyond. The MCR chapter, led by [Arooj Shah](#), stands as an example of the community's commitment to driving positive change and exploring opportunities in the Maker Space. Her mission is to forge a new relationship and champion the development of maker skills at The University of Salford, where she graduated from the civil engineering programme (Class of 2018 under Neil Currie).

This collaboration represents an exciting story of collaboration and growth establishing our shared commitment to promoting diversity, empowering individuals, and fostering a vibrant community of makers in the Greater Manchester area.

Read more on our [Research and Engagement with Impact Blog](#)

<https://blogs.salford.ac.uk/research/2023/06/22/maker-space-collaborates-with-muslimic-makers-network-mcr-for-digital-fabrication-workshops/>

Recommended Events This Month...



Wild Wanderings and Creative Cultivations: Engaging with nature in the city

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From wild wanderings through green spaces, to activities and workshops exploring the unique qualities of fungi, plus a wild picnic in the park, this event opens up a range of fun, active and creative ways to enjoy and engage with nature in the heart ...



Creative Connections: A Networking Event for Academics and Artists

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Join the School of Arts, Media and Creative Technology at the University of Salford for a networking lunch and a chance to explore ways that we can work together, partnering on research projects, engagement events and other ways of working with our s...



Māori Film: Claiming a Cinematic Space - Angela Moewaka Barnes (Massey)

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Māori Film Claiming A Cinematic Space - Angela Moewaka Barnes (Massey University) Cinematic stories are powerful. They shape how we see ourselves and others. Stories can nurture, restore and protect or they can further traumatise and harm. Māori filmmm...



Healing Tales

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At the height of the Flu pandemic in 1919, Stravinsky wrote A Soldier's Tale, the story of a soldier returning home from war. A century on, in the 75th anniversary year of the NHS, composer Alan Williams worked with healthcare workers from Bolton NHS...

Last chance to book for our Celebration of Innovation and SPARC



SPARC 2023 - 5 & 6 July 2023

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Salford Postgraduate Annual Research Conference SPARC is a forum for developing research, offering a space for postgraduate researchers from all disciplines to exchange ideas. Taking part will enable you to actively engage with Salford's PGR communi...

Celebration of Innovation Event - 3rd July 2023

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Celebration of Innovation - 2023 We warmly invite you to join us in celebrating the research, enterprise and engagement across the University. The in-person event at Peel Park, will celebrate and recognise the real-world impact University of Salford...



Browse all engagement events happening across Salford on our new events calendar

Check out our engagement events page, bookmark the page and add events to your calendar

[See all](#)

+ Add event

MAY 15 AUG 25	Visibilities: Shaping a story of now Mon, May 15, 13:30	SEP 20	Correcting the scholarly record, and dispelling myths around correction Wed, Sep 20, 10:00	OCT 22 NOV 13	ESRC Festival of Social Science Sun, Oct 22, All day
OCT 25	TED-X Salford 23 Wed, Oct 25, 10:00	NOV 9-18	Being Human Festival Thu, Nov 9, All day		

If you would like your event adding to the calendar, please email d.williamson2@salford.ac.uk with short copy and good image or let me know if you would like support creating this.

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Research and Engagement with Impact Blog: REF2021 Results with Impact - Research and Engagement with Impact (salford.ac.uk)

Twitter: @EngageSalford

More Engagement Resources on our staff hub site: Public & Community Engagement (sharepoint.com)

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