Thank you for attending ‘Democratic Devolution: The Future of Greater Manchester’ A Young Citizen’s Assembly. The day-long event will provide an opportunity for 14-21 year olds to speak to some of the architects and critics of the Devolution deal and work with over one hundred younger people to formulate ideas around what the new deal can mean for you.

GETTING THERE AND ARRIVAL TIMES

The event will be held from 10am-3.15pm on Monday 25th April at the People’s History Museum, Manchester. Please arrive for 10am registration. The museum is easily accessible by public transport, car and walking from Manchester city centre and Salford.

On foot: The museum is on the corner of Left Bank and Bridge Street in the Spinningfields area of Manchester city centre.

By bike: Bike racks are located outside The Left Bank cafe bar entrance on Bridge Street.

Rail stations:
- Salford Central (2 min walk)
- Manchester Victoria (15 min walk or 8 mins on free Metroshuttle 1 or 2)
- Manchester Piccadilly (20 min walk or 10 mins on free Metroshuttle 1, 2 or 3)
- Manchester Oxford Road (20 min walk or 10 mins on free Metroshuttle 2 or 3)

Metrolink stations:
Deansgate-Castlefield (15 min walk)

Bus stop: (1, 8, 12, 25, 26, 31, 32, 36, 37, 50, X34): Bridge Street (2 min walk)

Free Metroshuttle stop:
- No 2: Gartsise Street (1 min walk)
- No 1: Deansgate, Spinningfields (3 min walk)
- No 3: Lower Byrom Street - peak time only (3 min walk)

Car parks:
New Quay Street, Spinningfields / Bridge Street (2-5 min walk)
Special Discount Parking Voucher: Valid at the New Quay Street, Spinningfields NCP Car Park (M3 3BE). Pay £5.50 for a whole day’s parking. Pick up a discount voucher from the museum’s Info Desk before you park.

Coaches: Drop off only outside the museum, opposite the main entrance on Left Bank. See Visit Manchester’s website for more information on coach parking in Manchester

BEFORE THE DAY

Educators and youth workers have been sent educational resources for use before the event. Alongside these resources we would recommend reading the following articles before the event and think about whether you agree, disagree, or need to know more.

Why hardly anyone wants to be Greater Manchester Mayor: http://bit.ly/1Rx4xS1
Greater Manchester Combined Authority Devolution Consultation: www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/devopowersconsultation
With the elections for Greater Manchester’s first directly-elected mayor in May 2017, we believe that it is essential that the voices of young people across the region are heard and acted upon. The progressive devolution of powers in areas such as health and social care, education, transport, and business has the potential to radically transform the lives of young people across the region. As foundations of city region devolution are still being constructed, it is vital that its architects listen to the opinions of younger citizens – they are the future of Greater Manchester.

This Young Citizens’ Assembly will provide the opportunity for young to both learn about devolution and contribute their opinions about how they would like to see the region progress. Young participants will take part in a ‘Devo-Dragon’s Den’ Q and A session where they will hear from a range of speakers offering differing perspectives on ‘DevoManc’ including:

- Sir Richard Leese (leader of Manchester City Council)
- Jennifer Williams (Manchester Evening News)
- Cllr Amina Lone (Social Action Research Foundation)
- Ed Cox (Institute of Public Policy Research North)
- Simone Spray (42nd Street)
- Professor Karel Williams (University of Manchester)
- David Fernandez-Arias (The Peoples’ Plan).

Participants will then work with politicians, business leaders, cultural creatives, and others community leaders from across Greater Manchester to create a manifesto of ideas which are inspired by young people. A youth manifesto will be produced from the event which will be delivered to policy-makers and mayoral candidates across Greater Manchester.

Students will end the day by exploring how they can continue to have an impact on Devolution in their schools and communities after the event has concluded, making sure that the conversations started at the event are able to continue.
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EVENT PROGRAMME

10 -10.30AM: REGISTRATION

10.30-11AM: WELCOME TO ‘THE FUTURE OF GREATER MANCHESTER’
After a brief explanatory welcome, young participants will explore concepts of devolution, regional identity and what “Greater Manchester” means to them through a series of icebreaker activities. Welcome address provided by Dr Andy Mycock (Political Studies Association).

11 -12.30PM: THE ‘DEVO-DRAGON’S’ DEN
Young people will attend a series of talks and discussions in which they learn about the key issues that underpin the devolution debate. They will hear from a variety of key stakeholders speaking about the impacts of devolution on politics, media, business and the third sector. Speakers will provide five minute ‘pitches’ that offer a range of perspectives concerning the opportunities and challenges of devolution to Greater Manchester. Young participants will be offered opportunities to question speakers. The session will be chaired by Arif Ansari, BBC’s North West political editor.

12.30-1PM: LUNCH
Lunch will not be provided, so please bring a packed lunch. Alternatively, lunch will be available to purchase from the Museum cafe with a 10% discount, there are also a Waitrose and Tesco within 1 minute walk of the venue.

1-2.30PM: CREATING A ‘DEVO-MANIFESTO’
Young people will attend a series of creative workshops in which they will co-design a vision for what they would like to see from Devolution. This will be condensed into a short manifesto on what the young people would like to gain from Devolution. Session will be organised by representatives of The Politics Project with facilitators drawn from the Greater Manchester’s politics and policy-making, business, arts and culture, media, and civil society communities.

2.30-3PM: THE FUTURE OF GREATER MANCHESTER
Young participants will present policy-orientated ideas to the delegates and stakeholders.

3-3.15PM: CONCLUSIONS AND FAREWELL