

Is your company or organisation interested in supporting engaging and critical public discussion in Manchester?

The Manchester Salon discussion forum hosts public debates on contemporary political, cultural and scientific issues. It aims to capture the essence and contemporary nuances of the subjects or topics discussed, and challenge some orthodoxies along the way. The events are informal and open to all; with writers, academics, politicians and experts in their fields presenting ideas to help spark informed and robust discussion.

Since May 2008 the Salon has hosted over 80 public discussions on issues such as understanding the recession, drugs policy, congestion charging, assisted suicide and development in China; and have co-hosted debates with the Institute of Ideas, Institution of Engineering and Technology and Manchester Science Festival - see Battle of Ideas satellite.

In 2010, we introduced the <u>Reviews</u> section of the website to help participants develop their writing skills by trying to capture the mood of what's changing in and around Manchester in particular, through a focus on books, film, theatre, music, lifestyle and food. The reviews section has been invaluable in situating the Manchester Salon more centrally in the intellectual and cultural landscape of the North West.

In 2011, we're building on our success. Firstly, we've introduced the monthly 'First Tuesday' discussions - focussed on responding to events in the news, and aimed at developing some new journalistic and 'talking head' personalities – citizen journalists with intellect and attitude. Secondly, we're looking to extend our collaborative activities to host more joint discussions with subject focussed specialist groups to facilitate a critical dialogue between subject specialists and society more broadly.

In addition to the website, we have an opt-in mailing list and a <a href="Facebook"><u>Facebook</u></a> group increasing the Salon's touch points. Our audiences are drawn from local students and young people, academics, politicians, journalists, writers, bloggers, cultural entrepreneurs, and public intellectuals. Our

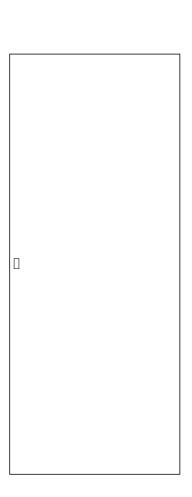
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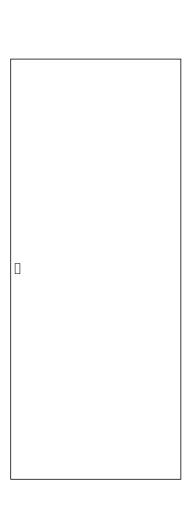
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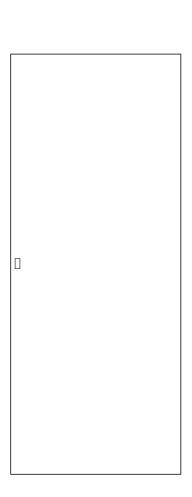
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