

## Airport city



In March this year the chancellor announced that Manchester Airport was selected to be one of the governments 21 new 'enterprise zones'.

This development will be called 'Airport city' and the first phase will be located on the land between the airport and Wythenshawe, to the north of the airport. The first development phase will connect with a wider set of opportunities within Wythenshawe including the University Hospital of South Manchester, Medipark initiative and the regeneration of the town centre. The aim is to make the region more accessible and attractive globally. The necessary requirements of infrastructure, capacity for airport and route growth

and excellent ground transportation links, including the development of the new Metrolink in Wythenshawe - are already in place.

Businesses expected to want to locate at Airport City include logistics, freight forwarders, research and development, hospital and health related uses, office accommodation and Hotels. It is anticipated that Airport City will generate between 7,000 and 13,000 new jobs in the area. The detailed planning applications are being submitted at the end of this year and work on the first phase of Airport City will begin in 2012.

The annual Airport Community Network (ACN) conference 'Impact 11' was held at the Radisson BLU hotel at Manchester airport last month. The ACN consists of Manchester airport based organisations who like to make a difference to the local community by uniting their resources to offer assistance and guidance where most needed. All Airport Colleagues were invited to the event, those who have previously been involved in ACN projects and others who would like to get involved.

Guests were given an insight to the many projects carried out and funded by the ACN. Manchester Enterprise Academy Students talked about the relevance and importance of the work experience placements they have had at the airport. Colleagues also talked about the 'World of Work' experience where they help give primary school children a unique experience by turning their school into an airport for the day!

During speeches Paul Goggins, MP and Andrew Harrison, Manchester Airport Managing Director, stressed the importance of volunteering in the community. Over 1000 volunteer hours have already been achieved this year and over 1800 local school children have benefited from nursery age through to Year 12. It is estimated that the fiscal value of these volunteer hours is £25,000, but the value of the benefit to the children, is priceless.

## Airport makes an Impact



Paul Goggins and Andrew Harrison meet MEA students who have benefited from colleague volunteering.

## Latest Community Trust Fund donations

The latest quarterly community trust fund meeting took place in October and a total of £24,796.85 was awarded to voluntary non-profit organisations in the area.

- St Michael & All Angels Church, Northern Moor received a grant of £2,000 towards the purchase of a new heating system for the church halls.
- Rose Hill Community Farm and Garden, an allotment society, received £1,992.85 to make the site accessible to the disabled.

Grants of up to £3,000 are awarded to charitable organisations with a community benefit. If you would like to apply to the Community Trust Fund, please call 0161 489 5218 or visit: [manchesterairport.co.uk/CommunityTrustFund](http://manchesterairport.co.uk/CommunityTrustFund)





## Autumn Leaves Luncheon

Manchester Airport played host to the elderly early November when they invited residents over the age of 65 living in Wythenshawe to an 'Autumn Leaves' luncheon at the Woodhouse Park Lifestyle Centre. Guests were greeted with a choir from St Anthony's RC Primary School before sitting down for a free two course lunch. Scottie the Magician entertained guests with tricks and prizes were won in the free raffle at the end of the meal.

## Enterprising taster for Primary Schools

Year 6 pupils from local Primary Schools paid a visit to Manchester Airport to see what their future education would be like if they chose to continue their education at the Manchester Enterprise Academy.



The Academy is a new generation of secondary school, offering vocational courses and practical experience so being better equipped for the world of work. MEA is sponsored by local businesses Manchester Airport, Willow Park Housing Trust, Manchester College and Manchester City Council who work with the Academy by offering students real life work experience, guidance and training.

Five primary schools, Ringway, Willows, Crossacres, Haveley Hey and Peel Hall each spent half a day at Manchester airport on a 'transition visit'. This involved a terminal tour, job awareness quiz, a visit to the Radisson BLU Hotel and a talk by airport colleagues who gave an insight to their work and career.

Each school also spent time at Willow Park, where the children burnt off some energy by participating in sports events and also undertaking a research project in their computer suit.

## Films help to connect with our community

Manchester Airport is the first airport to produce film clips to explain operations and projects to the wider community. Since the success of the first film created in 2010 for Runway 1 refurbishment work, three more short films have been made to explain the operation, departure and arrival of aircraft at the airport.

The new clips take the viewer on to the flight deck, to the control tower and out into the communities around the airport. Explanations and demonstrations are given from National Air Traffic Services (NATS), Thomson Airways and colleagues from Environment and Community Relations Teams. The clips aim to complement the maps, diagrams and datasheets that are available in paper and electronic format.

This new way of communicating has proved popular with the public taking them behind the scenes of our business.

**Films:** [manchesterairport.co.uk/runwayclosures](http://manchesterairport.co.uk/runwayclosures)

**Datasheets:** [manchesterairport.co.uk/runwaydatasheet](http://manchesterairport.co.uk/runwaydatasheet)

## MEA celebrate the European Day of Languages

September 26th was a day of fun for year 7 at the Manchester Enterprise Academy when they celebrated the 10th European day of languages. MEA staff and Manchester Airport language speaking colleagues helped students ice European flag pictures onto biscuits-and eat the results!

## 'Brushing up' at Lorna Lodge

Colleagues from Manchester Airport procurement department swapped suits for painting gear in September to help with painting at Lorna Lodge, Wythenshawe. They spent a day at the young women's refuge centre, run by Great Places Housing Association, decorating some of the resident's rooms. The picture shows some of the team attempting to change a lightbulb!

