

# HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE



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# It starts with you

If the last few years have taught us anything, it's just how important the health and social care sector is to the whole of the UK. And it's a sector that's growing rapidly – it's estimated that the UK will need over a million more dedicated professionals in the next decade.

There are so many rewarding roles to choose from. You might decide to welcome new life as a midwife or save lives as a nurse. Maybe you'll offer day-to-day practical and emotional support out in your community. Or perhaps you'll help people to overcome their traumas.

Whatever career you choose, you can get started on your journey right here at The Manchester College. You'll be taught by tutors with years of experience both in teaching and out in the health and social care sector. They're ready and waiting to share the advice, guidance and knowledge you need to make your career a success.

You won't just be learning new knowledge, skills and behaviours in the classroom, you'll also be applying what you've learnt through work experience opportunities and placements in real-life settings, such as hospitals, pharmacies and care homes. You will also get to hear from guest healthcare professionals, who can offer you crucial insights into working life.

By the time you complete your studies at The Manchester College, you'll have gained the skills, knowledge and experience to apply for a job in the sector, or to progress to higher education. Whichever path you take, you'll be choosing an incredibly rewarding career where you'll make a difference to the people in your community every single day.







# Careers information



## JOBS FIGURES

There were approx. **181,520** employees in Health and Social Care in Greater Manchester in 2021, this is predicted to increase by 2.9% by 2025.



## AVERAGE EARNINGS

Average wage in GM is **£26,536 per annum (2021)**.



## REPLACEMENT DEMAND

**21.6%** of the current workforce will be reaching retirement age in the next 10 years, meaning those positions will need filling.



## WORKFORCE SPLIT

Currently **78.7%** of the workforce are female.

Types of jobs available	Skills needed	Examples of GM employers
Healthcare Assistant	Communication	Bupa
Medical Practitioner	Cultural awareness	Elysium Healthcare
Medical Radiographer	Empathy	Health Assured
Mental Health Worker	Flexibility	Helping Hands Home Care
Nurse	Interpersonal skills	NHS
Occupational Therapist	Mental health awareness	Nuffield Health
Paramedic	Personal care	Randstad
Pharmacist	Research	Sanctuary Personnel
Psychologist	Resilience	Specsavers
Social Worker	Teamwork	The Christie NHS Foundation Trust

Data sourced from Lightcast March 2023.

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## What our students say

I chose to study Health and Social Care as it's a course based on helping people. It doesn't matter what job you end up doing, it's always working with others and helping others to get a better life, so I just thought, why not?

It's really interesting because you just learn a lot of things and my tutors help us a lot.

The facilities that they provide us in college are amazing.

We've got the care suite and the hospital ward. We did a couple of practices there about how to use blood pressure equipment, how to take temperature or how to calculate our blood rate.

I'm learning patience thanks to my work placement as well as organisation skills and time management by submitting my assignments on time.

For my work placement I'm based in a primary school. It's something I've never done before so every day is completely different.

You get to know how kids behave and it's just something I never knew.

It's just really interesting and I never get bored, which is something I love a lot.

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Julia Marco  
Level 3 Health and Social Care

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I chose to study the T Level because I believe it will help me in future employment. I really enjoy learning from the teacher, they're very helpful and supportive.

We study things like clinical skills, so we take blood pressure, carry out NEWS2 charts with are used in industry which is great so when you go on placement you know what you need to do.

You also learn the softer skills like compassion and care, and how to provide the best person-centred care possible.

We develop our communication skills which are really important because bedside manner and building that relationship is so important.

The best facilities on the course are the SimMan patient care simulation manikins and the ward because for practicing I think it's the most beneficial. Alongside this we also have first aid training and manual handling training.

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Lucy Kelso  
T Level in Health (Assisting Adult Nursing)

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# Meet the team

At The Manchester College, we believe the best teachers are usually those who have real-world experience of working in the field they're teaching.

So, in most cases, you'll be taught by someone who's worked as a nurse, social worker, early years educator or other relevant professional.

As well as being able to share their knowledge and experiences with you, they have crucial industry connections, which is a huge benefit when it comes to helping you to secure a work placement in your chosen field.



**Julian Smith**  
**Assistant Principal**

Julian oversees our Animal Management, Education and Early Years, Health and Social Care, Public Services, Science, Sport, Public Services courses.

With 17 years of experience in further and higher education institutions, including 15 years in managerial and senior leadership roles, Julian brings a wealth of expertise to the position.



**Hayley Francis**  
**Director of Curriculum**

Hayley is the Director of Curriculum for Sport, Public Services and Care Professions. Hayley has been working at The Manchester College for over 10 years.

She has helped to grow the department and driven the quality of provision through ensuring our course offer meets the needs of the industries, by leading her experienced team to excellence in teaching, supporting learners to achieve their ambitions and working closely with industry employers.



**Marion Foster**  
**Department Team Leader**

Marion joined the College in 2005 and has more than 20 years' experience in teaching. Over the past six years Marion has worked in several curriculum areas as an Achievement Tutor. Marion started a new role as Department Team Leader in 2023 within the Health and Social Care department. She embraces new challenges and is looking forward to forming closer working relationships with the team and students.



**Gail Millward-Jackson**  
**Specialist Practitioner**

Gail joined the team in 2022 as a Clinical Skills Tutor for the T Level Health course. Her 20 years of experience as a midwife allow Gail to bring technical skills to the mock ward environment at our Openshaw Campus. This aids the students in preparing them for placement opportunities, alongside developing skills to secure future health care sector employment or progression to higher education.



**Mehjabeen Shaukat**  
**Tutor**

Mehjabeen has over 10 years' experience within teaching early years, and health and social care. She has a BSc in Early Years and is currently studying a BSc in Biology as she is interested in gaining deeper insight into human biology. She is always willing to support students to successfully progress and achieve throughout their courses, encouraging them to challenge themselves with the intention of achieving higher grades.

*Scan here*  
to read more  
about our tutors





# Our locations

Our Health and Social Care courses are offered at our Openshaw, Wythenshawe and Harpurhey campuses which have great transport links, well-equipped classrooms, and plenty of opportunities for socialising.

In our Health and Social Care department at our Openshaw Campus, you will benefit from some fantastic new facilities that we have developed specifically for your studies with a state-of-the-art mock hospital ward including:

- Industry-standard hospital beds, screens, chairs and bedside tables
- PPE equipment
- Blood pressure monitors
- A nursing station with computer
- Hand washing facilities, toilet, and ceiling hoist
- An infectious disease area containing a hospital bed and associated PPE resources to facilitate barrier nursing
- SimMan 3G PLUS simulation mannequins and associated software to record and assess the skills you are demonstrating
- Virtual reality software is also available to ensure you are able to learn with the most up to date technology
- A care suite with a lounge area, bedroom, kitchen and bathroom fully fitted with assistive and adaptable fixed equipment (bed/bath).

At our Wythenshawe and Harpurhey campuses you'll find fully equipped classrooms where you can study our adult courses.



- 1 Openshaw Campus (16-18 only)**  
Ashton Old Road, Openshaw, Manchester M11 2WH
- 2 Wythenshawe Campus (19+ only)**  
Brownley Road, Wythenshawe, Manchester, M22 9UH
- 3 Harpurhey Campus (19+ only)**  
Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, Manchester, M9 4AF

# Get career ready with us

**We passionately believe in helping you reach your ultimate goal, focusing on your future employability and developing the knowledge, skills and behaviours you will need to have a successful career.**

Many of our programmes of study have been co-developed with industry partners. Working so closely with industry partners means you'll benefit from courses that are aligned with current industry skills and demands as well as a range of industry-level activities and lessons.

Once you complete your journey with us you will have the qualifications you need to take the next steps towards an amazing career, as well as the knowledge, skills and behaviours that will help you stand out to future employers.

## Study Programmes

We offer qualifications from Level 1 to Level 3, including T Levels.

If you haven't already obtained a Grade 4 GCSE in English or maths, you'll study to work towards achieving this qualification. This is a mandatory requirement and it's also essential you achieve this for many careers.

## Employability

To prepare you for your future career, you'll take part in a range of 'employability' activities to equip you with the knowledge and experience of the careers available to you.

You'll be assigned an Employability Co-ordinator and will take part in a wide range of activities that will help you develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours you'll need to thrive in the workplace.

## Industry Expertise

You will get the opportunity to take part in masterclasses and lessons delivered by industry experts, visits from guest speakers within the sector and industry-standard projects, that will see you working on the kind of tasks you'd be completing once you begin your career in the health and social care industry.

## Work Experience or Industry Placement

As part of your course you are required to take on external work experience, we will help you find a suitable placement. While there, you'll help with day-to-day tasks and shadow staff to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours that are expected in the workplace and broaden your knowledge of the industry.

Previous students have had placements at:

- Manchester Local Care Organisation
- NHS Foundation Trust
- Stepping Hill Hospital

You may be able to apply for an industry placement offering a longer period of experience with a leading employer, depending on your course.

An industry placement gives you in-depth knowledge of the industry, allows you to gain hands-on experience and gives you an insight into career pathways.

With a placement, you're taking that all important first step onto the ladder; many of our students even go on to gain paid employment with their industry placement employer at the end of the year.

## Work Related Activity

There are so many careers in the health and social sector and we want to help you explore as many as possible during your studies.

We organise lots of work-related activities to help you discover more about the opportunities that might be open to you. You could soon be taking part in activities such as:

- Visiting residential care homes, hospitals, schools, charity shops and nurseries to learn more about day-to-day roles and responsibilities
- Taking part in insight days, including sessions focusing on nursing and midwifery led by Manchester Hospital Foundation Trust
- Hearing from guest speakers and other experts including our two specialist practitioners about the career opportunities and pathways available in health and social care.



# Industry placement

You may be able to apply for an industry placement offering up to 315 hours of experience with a leading employer.

These placements give you an in-depth knowledge of the industry, allowing you to gain hands on experience and an insight into career pathways. Some of our students even go on to gain paid employment with their industry placement employer at the end of the year, so they offer a great first step into the industry.

Where could I spend my placement?



## Types of Placement



### Pharmacies

If you choose to take a placement in a pharmacy, you'll spend time serving and helping customers, and directing them to the pharmacists for any medical concerns. You'll learn about different medications and how pharmacists dispense and record medicines. You'll also learn about how prescriptions are handled and may be given the opportunity to attend a medical consultation with a customer.



### Care homes

During a work placement in a care home, you'll help staff to deliver activities with older adults. You could also assist at meal times, spend time talking with residents to get to know them and help them feel comfortable and happy. You'd be involved in meetings with other healthcare professionals and help to make sure residents' care plans are being followed.



### Hospitals

If you decide to take a placement at a hospital, you'll shadow nurses and health care assistants, and spend time observing other professionals as they work. You'll also have plenty of time to spend with patients.

## Study for a Technical Level (T Level) qualification in Health and Healthcare Science

**T Levels are a two year technical programme that provide you with a high-quality alternative to A Levels.**

They have been developed in collaboration with employers, and combine theory, practical and classroom learning with a minimum 45-day industry placement. If you opt to take a T Level you will spend 20% of your time on an industry placement and 80% in the classroom.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a Higher Apprenticeship or even move on to study a university degree, as T Levels are awarded UCAS points.

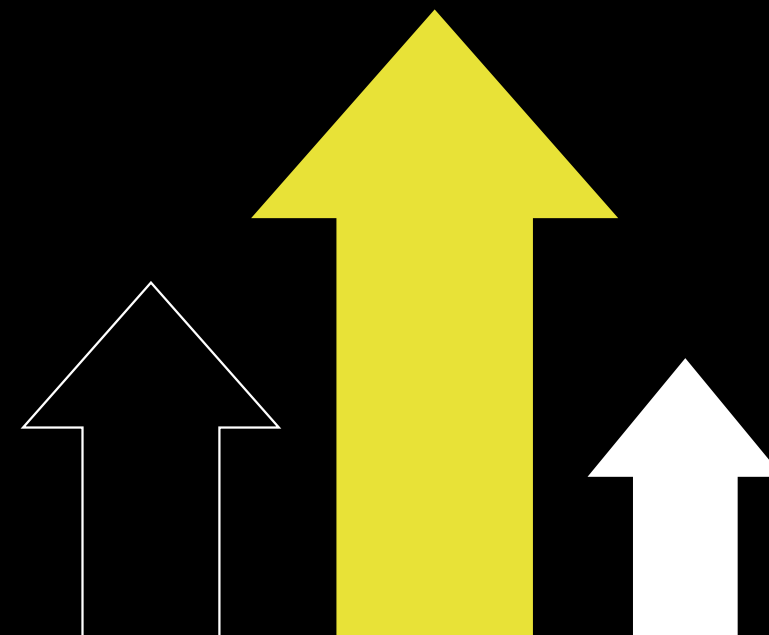
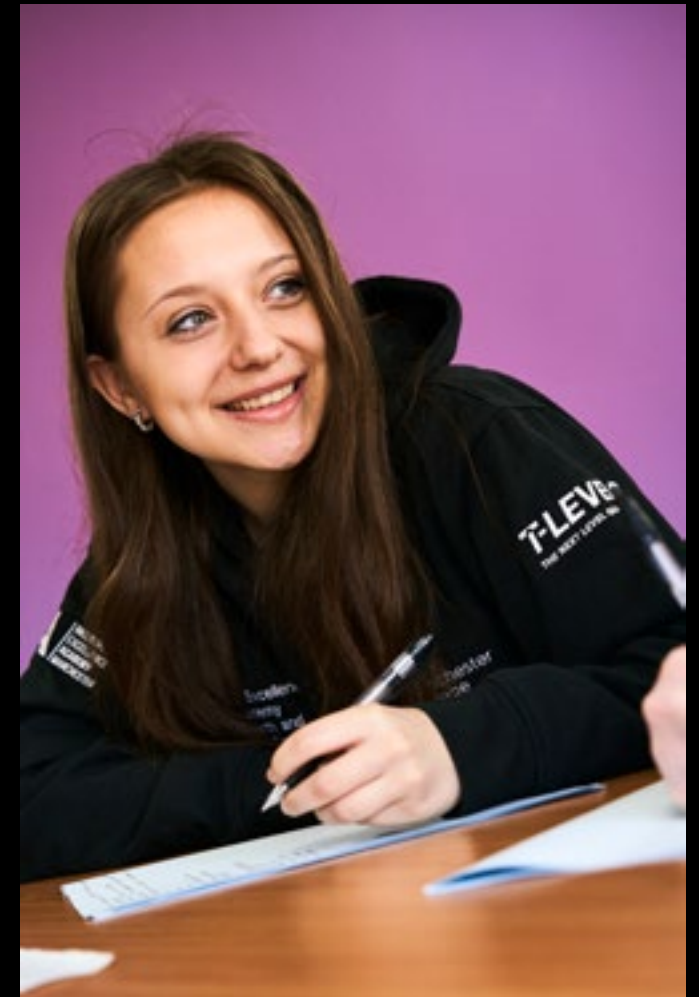


## T Award

Those successful in gaining a place on a T Level will be eligible for the 'T Award', a package of benefits that includes:

- £300 per year bursary\*
- Access to an industry-standard laptop\* (as appropriate)
- Opportunities to take part in exciting college-wide competitions
- Minimum 20% delivery by industry experts
- Minimum 45-day industry placement
- Free branded work wear
- Masterclasses
- Digital upskilling
- Bursary incentive if progressing to UCEN Manchester
- Guaranteed progression to a higher education course at UCEN Manchester
- Use of industry based software
- And much more.

*\*Subject to requirements, including 95% attendance, positive attitude and grade profile.*





# Courses

## Level 3 | T Level | Health (Assisting Adult Nursing) Openshaw | Two Years

If you want to follow a career in adult nursing then this is the T Level for you!

You'll begin by learning all of the essential knowledge and skills you'll need to work in the health and science sector, including how the industry works, core concepts and key regulations, such as managing information, health and safety, and good scientific/clinical practice.

Once you've gained the core knowledge you need you'll specialise in the care of adults. You'll learn all about assisting with clinical tasks and the treatment of service users, providing care and support to service users before, during and after clinical or therapeutic procedures, and taking a physiological reading of service users and recording their data.



For those who don't meet the entry requirements and would still like to pursue a T Level, there is the option of a one-year Level 2 T Level Foundation Year.

This Foundation Year will allow you to gain a qualification and move on to study one of our T Levels the following year.

## Level 2 | T Level Foundation Year | Health and Social Care Openshaw | One Year

This course has been designed to develop your understanding and knowledge of the health and social care sector, so that you can progress onto our T Level course in Health (Assisting Adult Nursing).

As with the T Level itself, the focus is on helping you to gain practical skills that will prove invaluable when you get out into the workplace. And you'll be putting those skills into practice almost straight away, as you'll be benefiting from an industry placement lasting at least 105 hours.

Throughout the course, you'll also have the chance to hear from professionals, like midwives and nurses. They'll talk to you about their own career paths, the sorts of skills and behaviours you'll need to succeed, and what opportunities are open to you. You'll learn all about human lifespan development, health and social care values, infection control and much more ahead of moving on to study a T Level.

As well as working towards a Level 2 qualification in health and Science, you'll also work to gain a qualification in Emergency First Aid when you progress onto a T Level.

## Jump Start To T Levels

Both our T Level and T Level Foundation Year require you to complete our Jump Start to T Levels programme as an entry requirement.

This programme is a two-week introduction to our T Level and T Level Foundation Year programmes, where you can meet your tutors and experience what studying a T Level at The Manchester College is like.

To apply or find out more about our T Level and T Level Foundation Year programmes, visit our website: [tmc.ac.uk/t-levels](https://tmc.ac.uk/t-levels)

# Courses

We offer a range of courses for all abilities and ages. Whatever your starting point, we can help you to gain the knowledge, skills, experience and confidence you need to progress to a range of career paths or onto further study.

## Level 1 | Health and Social Care | 16-18 / 19+

### Openshaw (16-18) / Harpurhey or Wythenshawe (19+) | One Year

There are so many different career paths in the health and social care sector. This Level 1 course will introduce you to the key roles and services to help you decide what path to take.

You'll gain a greater understanding of the sector as a whole and develop a range of specialist skills. By the end of the course, you'll be in a great place to progress to the next level.

## Level 2 | Health and Social Care | 16-18 / 19+

### Openshaw (16-18) / Harpurhey (19+) | One Year

If you have a keen interest in health and social care and are eager to expand your knowledge and develop the skills that employers are looking for then our Level 2 course is for you. You'll take a more focused look at the industry, starting with examining the core values of health and social care.

You'll also explore the key aspects of effective communication and the importance of equality and diversity. You'll learn all about how people change and develop as they grow from a baby right through to an older adult, and discuss how people need different care and support depending on the stage of life they're at. You'll also spend time learning about health and wellbeing, and finding out how you can help people to lead healthier lives.

## Level 3 | Health and Social Care | 16-18 / 19+

### Openshaw (16-18) / Harpurhey (19+) | Two Years

Are you ready to take an in-depth look at the health and social care sector and gain all the skills and knowledge you'll need to progress to higher education or out into the workplace? Then this is the course for you.

You'll learn more about how the body functions and changes over time, and you'll study anatomy and physiology. You'll also develop your understanding of how to meet individual care and support needs, and we'll be discussing how you can help people to lead healthier lives.

Plus, you'll spend more time learning about what it's like working in the sector, with a focus on your chosen career path. You'll get to experience this for real through at least 100 hours of work experience. Whether you're planning to progress to a nursing degree, are aiming for a career in management, or want to work within a nursing home or other care setting, this course can help you get there.





# Courses for adults

**Level 2 and 3 | Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care | 19+**

**Harpurhey or Wythenshawe (Level 3 at Harpurhey only) | One Year**

This course provides an ideal taster for learners who may be new to the health and social care sector or new to the world of work. It is accessible to adult learners of all ages who may want to understand more about working in health and social care.

You'll be introduced to some basic concepts of caring and preparation for employment in the sector. You'll gain knowledge and skills in communication, equality, diversity and inclusion, the role of the social care worker, handling information, health and safety, safeguarding, duty of care and person-centred approaches.

**Level 2 | Counselling Concepts | 19+**

**City Campus Manchester / Shena Simon | 10 weeks**

Our Level 2 qualification will introduce you to the use of counselling skills in everyday life and work, and some of the approaches that underpin the use of these skills. You will learn about the knowledge and skills needed to use counselling skills and engage in a helping interaction appropriately. It is a useful qualification for anyone who would like to develop their use of counselling skills in either a work or personal capacity.

**Level 3 | Counselling Skills | 19+**

**City Campus Manchester / Shena Simon / Wythenshawe | One Year**

Our Level 3 qualification is designed for those seeking progression to become a qualified professional counsellor or for individuals who wish to acquire greater counselling skills for use in other work areas. For example, nurses, social workers, teachers and health professionals.





# SUPPORTED LEARNING

Promoting independence  
through accessibility and  
inclusion

Have you received learning support in the past? Do you have an Education, Health and Care Plan or an identified Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) need? Our Supported Learning team can help students with SEND to achieve their aspirational career goals.

We provide a highly personalised offer for students to create a supportive learning environment for all. Whatever course you choose to study, our provision is specifically designed to support you on your journey to independence and into further education or employment.

Find out more about how we can help you:  
[tmc.ac.uk/supported-learning](https://tmc.ac.uk/supported-learning)





# We'll help you Accelerate2industry

As soon as you enrol on a Health and Social Care course, we'll start talking to you about the opportunities that could be open to you in the future. To guide you through the process and help you achieve your aspirational career goals, we've teamed up with our higher education partner, UCEN Manchester, on an exciting initiative.

Ultimately, the aim of Accelerate2Industry is to help you progress into either higher study, higher education with UCEN Manchester, or your chosen career.

The initiative runs throughout the academic year and there are three distinct phases:

## Step 1 - Plan >>>

Find out about the options available to you at the end of your study programme.

## Step 2 - Pass >>>

Your tutors will speak to you about what you're planning on doing next year and support you to secure the grades you need to move on to the next phase of your journey.

## Step 3 - Progress >>>

Your tutors will ensure that you have all of the information and support you need to re-join us in September or progress on to university, employment or an apprenticeship.

## Progressors Award >>>

Do you want to study with a higher education provider that offers something a little bit different and delivers courses that are career focussed and lead you straight into employment? If so, our Progressors Award is just for you.

The award is open to all Level 3 students at The Manchester College that, upon completion of their course, enrol onto a higher education course at UCEN Manchester. The Progressors Award is currently £200. Please check the amount, eligibility, and terms and conditions ahead of making your progressors application to UCEN Manchester during your final year of Level 3 study.

Book a campus tour, taster session or other support session with the UCEN Manchester Outreach Team by contacting [HEfutures@ucenmanchester.ac.uk](mailto:HEfutures@ucenmanchester.ac.uk).

Scan for more information, advice and guidance.



## **DEGREE LEVEL**

You can continue to learn in our state-of-the-art facilities for health and care as you take your next steps into the healthcare sector with a degree. You'll benefit from smaller, highly practical classes and award winning support.

**Choose between one year degree-level courses to build your skills and confidence, and three year degrees.**

**Degrees are available in:**

- **Healthcare Practice (Integrated)**
- **Healthcare Practice (Nursing).**

For more information or to apply  
visit [ucenmanchester.ac.uk](https://ucenmanchester.ac.uk)







# How to apply

Applying to study at The Manchester College is really easy. Just follow these steps and you will be on your journey to amazing in no time.



## Step 1

Visit **tmc.ac.uk**



## Step 2

Choose a course, apply at an open event, online or on mobile



## Step 3

Receive a conditional offer - you must accept this within 12 weeks



## Step 4

Book to attend an interview



## Step 5

Register to attend our New Student Welcome Day on 30 June (16-18 only)



## Step 6

We will invite you to enrol in August or September after you receive your results (if applicable)

# What's next?

## Find out more and apply

To find out more about Health and Social Care at The Manchester College and to apply scan the QR code or visit: **[tmc.ac.uk/health-and-social-care](https://tmc.ac.uk/health-and-social-care)**



## Visit us

Join us at one of our open events throughout the year to learn more about our courses, tour our facilities, speak to our tutors and much more. To find out when our next open event is taking place and to register, please visit: **[tmc.ac.uk/events](https://tmc.ac.uk/events)**

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