

Manchester Week

16 – 20 March 2009



Manchester Week is an opportunity to share some of Manchester's best practice, via a series of discussions, debates, presentations and performances. The initiative is timely, as this year is the European Year of Creativity and Innovation.

The office will be webstreaming, blogging and twittering our events throughout the week on our dedicated Manchester Week website at: www.manchesterweek.com This allows you to see all of our events for the week, watch our live video feed and add your own comments to our blog using twitter. During the week there will be a panel discussion on the Manchester Independent Economic Review, a reception on using transport in cities to drive economic growth, a presentation on Manchester's cultural attractions and many other events.

CITIES FOR COHESION – WHAT FUTURE FOR THE URBAN DIMENSION?

The Urban Dimension
of European Policy



Cities for Cohesion

The week kicks off with a panel discussion on 'how innovative city governance can help Europe unlock economic growth', chaired by Arlene McCarthy MEP. As Europe strives to meet its 2010 Lisbon goals on growth and jobs and as the economic uncertainty continues, it is more important than ever to recognise that our cities are key to unlocking economic growth. In order to meet the challenge

of creating future prosperity, Greater Manchester has created a new and unique governance model. For a copy of the Cities for Cohesion response to the Commission consultation on Territorial Cohesion, please contact the office.

CITIES OF CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION CONCERT – MANCHESTER AND PRAGUE

On Tuesday night, Greater Manchester and Prague House are organising a joint concert. It is currently the Czech Presidency of the European Union, so we are pleased to be working with our Czech colleagues. Manchester Pianist, Peter Donohoe, who studied at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, will perform. In 1982 Peter was joint winner of the Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow. The Škampa Quartet is also among the very finest of today's



Prague House

Czech string quartets. Ewart Hodge is student of composition at the Royal Northern College of Music, he has written two pieces for the concert, one of which he will also perform.

MANCHESTER'S MINI-STERN – DEVELOPING A LOW CARBON ECONOMY

On Thursday, the office will host a panel discussion chaired by Chris Davies MEP, on developing a low carbon economy. In 2008, the Manchester City Region commissioned its own response to the challenges laid down by the Stern Review. This study, dubbed 'The Manchester Mini-Stern', sought to answer the key questions about the economic impacts of climate change legislation, policy and regulation on the City Region level economy. It also seeks to identify where interventions at a City Regional level can make a difference to our economic growth and carbon emission trajectory.

For further information and to see a full list of our events, please go to our website
www.manchesterweek.com

OPEN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

URBAN MOBILITY FOR AGGLOMERATIONS

The European Commission has launched a new call for proposals for actions in the field of urban mobility in support of the development of sustainable mobility policy for urban agglomerations (extended built-up urban area outside a city or town). The Commission is looking for proposals that promote the objectives of sustainable urban mobility, as set out in the Commission's Green Paper on Urban Mobility. Themes of the Green Paper include more fluid and less polluted towns and cities, more intelligent and more accessible transport, safer and more secure urban transport.

Deadline: 11 March 2009

EDUCATIONAL MOBILITY – US ATLANTIS

The European Commission has launched a new call for proposals under their EU-US Atlantis Programme, which aims to promote mutual understanding between the peoples of Europe and the USA including a broader knowledge of their languages, cultures and institutions. Projects will last for two years and activities must start between 1 September 2009 and 31 December 2009. The total budget for this call is €5 million. **Deadline: 23 March 2009**

MEDIA 2007

The European Commission has published a new call for proposals for the Media 2007 programme, focused on support for the networking and mobility of students and trainers in Europe. Proposals should aim at developing the capacity of future audiovisual professionals to understand and integrate a 'European dimension' to their work by improving expertise in the following fields: training in economic, financial and commercial management; training in new audiovisual technologies; and training in script project development. The total budget for this call is €1.9 million. **Deadline: 27 March 2009**

ENTREPRENEURIAL CULTURE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

The European Commission has published a new call for proposals to support the aims of the Small Business Act. The call is broken down into two core Actions, the first of which seeks to support projects which will establish a cross-European workshop programme for entrepreneurship professors in higher education, so as to share knowledge and learn from practitioners e.g. Entrepreneurship Summer Academy. Action two seeks to fund activities that have a clear European added value. The total budget for this call is €2.7 million. **Deadline: 20 April 2009**

MARCO POLO

The European Commission has published a new call for proposals under the second Marco Polo programme. The Programme is focused on freight and will fund the following five themes: Traffic Avoidance, Common Learning, Modal Shift, Catalyst Actions and Motorways of the Sea. Projects usually have to involve at least two partner organisations from two different EU countries. The total budget for this call is €62 million. **Deadline: 8 May 2009**

ICT POLICY SUPPORT PROGRAMME

The European Commission has published a new call for proposals under the ICT Policy Support Programme. The current call contains eight broad themes: (1) ICT for health, ageing and inclusion, (2) Digital Libraries, (3) ICT for government and governance, (4) ICT for energy efficiency and environment, (5) Multilingual Web, (6) Public Sector Information, (7) Internet Evolution and Security, and (8) open innovation, user experience and living labs. Proposals should examine e-accessibility and be user centric. The total budget for this call is €100 million. **Deadline: 2 June 2009**

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