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Ambassador, Head of Delegation

London, 27 October 2026

Dear participants, colleagues & friends,

On behalf of the entire team at the EU Delegation to the United Kingdom, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the EU-UK Youth Dialogue 2026: Preparing for Erasmus+.

This dialogue is our flagship event for engaging with young people in the UK. It brings together voices from Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the English regions: university and Further Education students, young professionals, youth workers and young people active in civil society. Your presence here today underlines how important youth engagement is for the EU – UK partnership.

This year's Youth Dialogue takes place at a unique moment, with the UK's association to Erasmus+ opening new opportunities for young people across Higher Education, Further Education, Schools, Youth and Sports. Our aim is to explore what these opportunities can mean in practice, and to hear directly from you how they can work best for your communities.

Our mission is to build a lasting partnership between young people in the UK and in the EU. With this dialogue, we want to strengthen the foundations for continued engagement with young people. Above all, we want to show that the EU wants to hear the views of young people, that dialogue between EU and UK youth matters, and that young people are stronger when they work together and engage in civil society.

Our theme, Engage, Empower, Connect, reflects the three pillars of the EU's Youth Action Plan: increasing young people's voices in policy and decision-making, equipping young people with the skills and tools to thrive, and creating opportunities for young people to network and exchange with their peers. We have designed these two days to put all three into practice. We want you to speak up, to leave with new knowledge and contacts, and to connect with one another and with policymakers across the UK and the EU. Spark new collaborations during the sessions, build lasting relationships during the breaks and at the reception, and carry this energy back to your communities.

By listening actively, respecting different perspectives and keeping the dialogue constructive, we can make this a place where every voice counts and where new joint initiatives begin.

To our workshop leaders and facilitators, we extend a special word of thanks. You hold the responsibility of guiding conversations, creating a safe space for open dialogue and suggesting next steps.

Thank you for your energy, your ideas and your commitment. Let us make these two days a starting point for connections and joint initiatives that will grow for years to come.

With my best regards,

Jukka Salovaara

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EVENT OVERVIEW

EVENT	**EU-UK Youth Dialogue, Manchester**
DATES	**Thursday 5th and Friday 6th November 2026**
VENUE	**University Place, University of Manchester**
THEME	**Engage, Empower, Connect**
WEBSITE	**euyd26.uk**
SHARE	**#YouthDialogue**

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AGENDA

Participants hub
Scan for the latest agenda
euyd26.uk/hub

THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER — DAY ONE, FROM LUNCHTIME

12:00–14:00	**Arrival, registration and lunch**
14:00–14:30	**Opening** Introduced by Dan Moxon, with the University of Manchester, the EU Delegation to the UK, the European Parliament Liaison Office in the UK and the Manchester European Society
14:30–15:15	**European Parliament session: EP at work, democracy in action**
15:15–16:45	**Parallel sessions** 10th European Affairs Societies Network meeting (plenary room) Workshop: climate change (breakout room 1) Workshop: Erasmus Student Network (breakout room 2)
16:45–17:15	**Coffee break and networking**
17:15–18:15	**Plenary: the convergence of ideas** Everyone back in one room to share ideas from the afternoon's sessions
18:15	**Walk to Manchester Museum**
19:00–21:00	**Networking evening, Manchester Museum**

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER — DAY TWO, FULL DAY

09:00–09:30	**Registration**
09:30–09:45	**Opening of the plenary**
09:45–10:30	**High-level fireside chat: Erasmus+ and opportunities for youth**
10:30–11:00	**Coffee break**
11:00–12:20	**Thematic workshops (parallel)** Civil society and youth, with the EESC (breakout room 1) Youth Advisory Committee and UK Youth Council (breakout room 2) EU-UK relations (plenary room)
12:30–12:35	**Keynote speech**
12:35–14:00	**Family photo, lunch and networking**
14:00–15:30	**Erasmus+ information session by the British Council (plenary room)**
15:30–16:00	**Coffee break**
16:00–16:30	**Main takeaways and where next? Preparing for Erasmus+** What came out of the two days, and what the EU-UK Youth Dialogue does after Manchester
16:30–17:00	**Closing remarks**
17:00	**Departure**

GETTING TO THE VENUE

Join us at University Place, University of Manchester.

FROM MANCHESTER PICCADILLY STATION

WALK	25 minutes
BUS	About 15 minutes in total: roughly a 10-minute walk to the stop, then 5 minutes on the bus
ROUTES	41, 42C, 143, 147 and 197. The stop for the 147 is a 5-minute walk from the station; the others are an 11-minute walk.
FARE	£2 flat fare per trip

FROM MANCHESTER AIRPORT

BUS	Bus 43 runs directly from the airport to University Place
TRAIN	TransPennine Express, Transport for Wales or Northern to Manchester Oxford Road. From there, walk 15 minutes or take bus 143 for three stops to the University shopping centre.

BY CAR

Please park at one of the two multi-storey car parks below. Collect a ticket on entry and pay at one of the machines before returning to your vehicle at the end of the day.

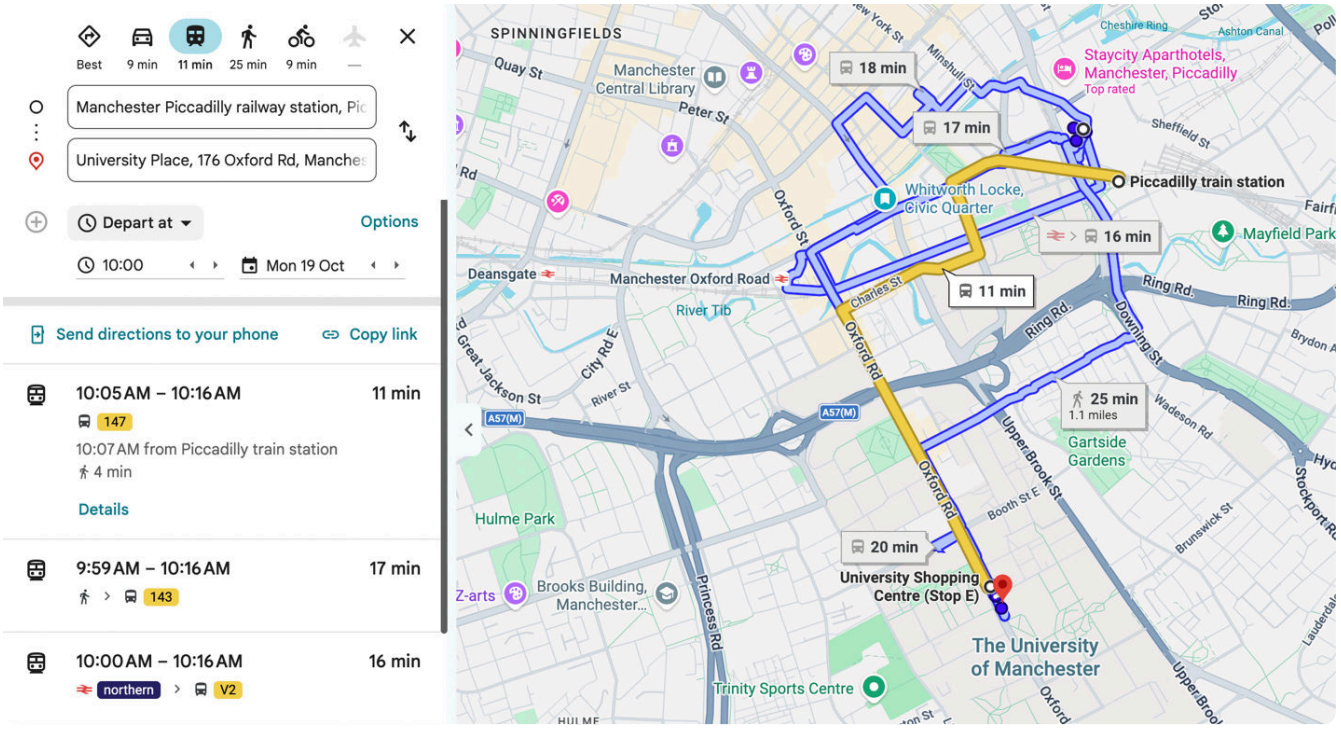
Aquatics Centre car park (NCP)
Booth Street East, satnav **M13 9SS**

Additional car park
Booth Street West, satnav **M15 6PB**

DURATION	PRICE
Up to 2 hours	£2.40
2 to 4 hours	£4.10
4 to 9 hours	£5.80
9 to 24 hours	£8.60

This car park closes at midnight.

ARRIVING BY BUS



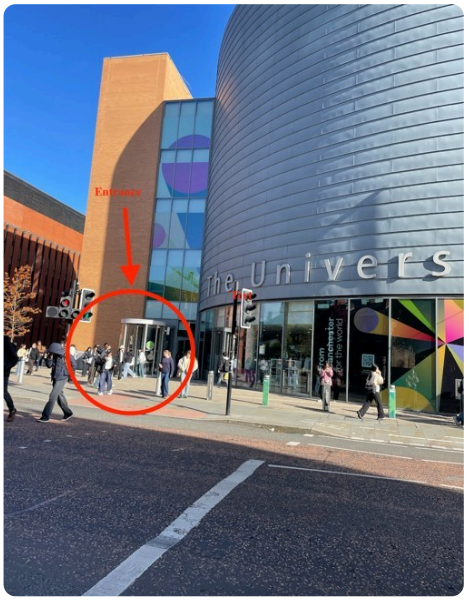
Bus routes to University Place

PLEASE NOTE

The Palace Theatre stop is closed. If you take bus 42, 43, 142 or 143 from there, walk to the next stop, about 5 minutes further on.

ARRIVING AT THE UNIVERSITY

Look out for the building and entrance shown here. Signs will guide you from there to registration.



Main entrance, University Place

FROM YOUR HOTEL

WHITWORTH LOCKE

74 Princess Street, Manchester M1 6JD

From Manchester Piccadilly station

WALK 10 minutes

TRAIN 9 minutes on Northern, one stop from Piccadilly to Manchester Oxford Road

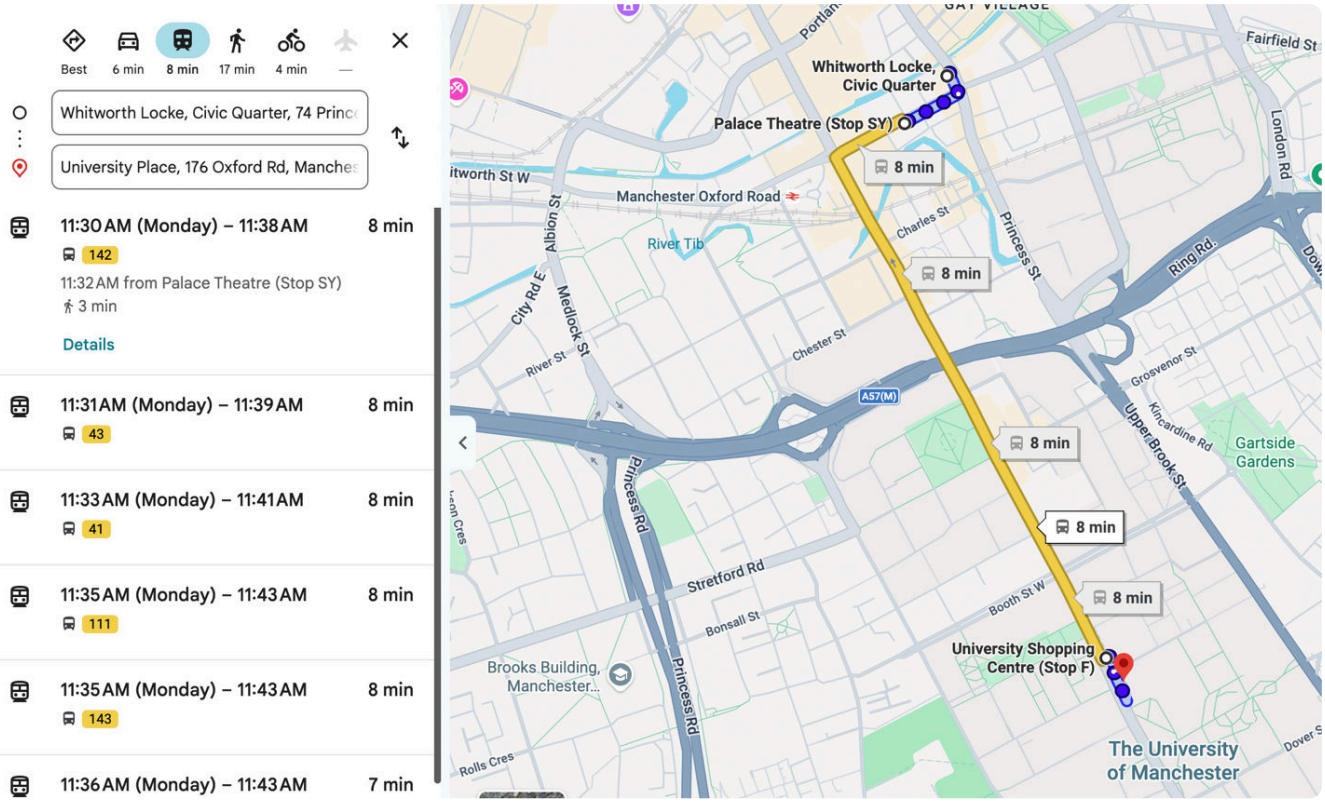
From the hotel to the venue

WALK 17 minutes

BUS 8 minutes: 41, 43, 111, 142 or 143

PLEASE NOTE

Google Maps may tell you to board at the Palace Theatre stop, but it is closed. Walk about 5 minutes to the next stop at Oxford Road station instead.



Route from Whitworth Locke to University Place

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS MANCHESTER CITY CENTRE ARENA

Goadsby Street, off Swan Street, Manchester M4 5JY

From Manchester Piccadilly station

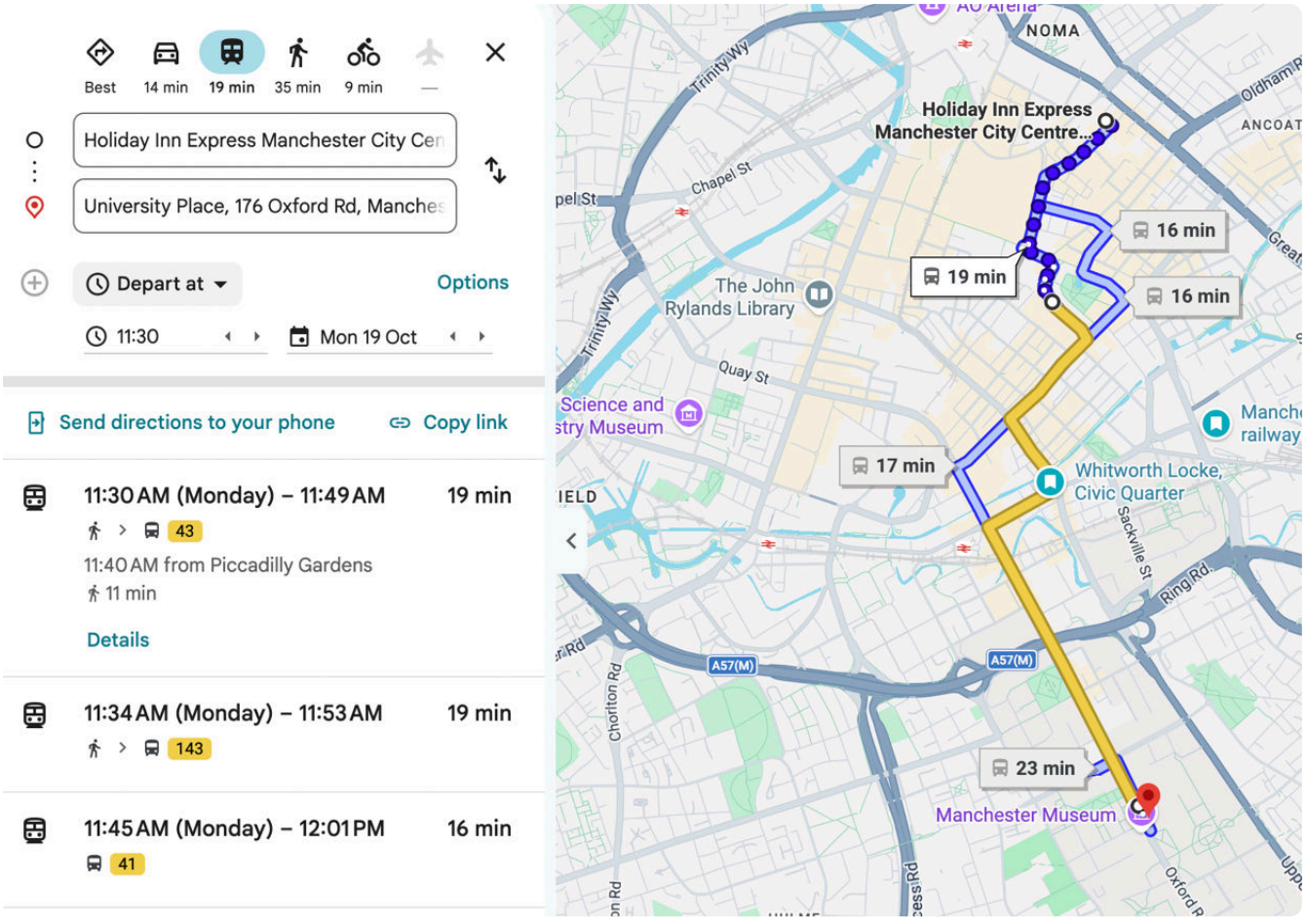
WALK 17 minutes

BUS 14 minutes: 192 or 201, directly from Piccadilly station

From the hotel to the venue

WALK 35 minutes

BUS 19 minutes: 41, 43 or 143 from Piccadilly Gardens



Route from Holiday Inn Express Manchester City Centre Arena to University Place

AT BOTH HOTELS

You are responsible for any extra costs or damage during your stay.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The EU Delegation to the United Kingdom looks forward to welcoming all participants to the EU-UK Youth Dialogue in Manchester. We are all committed to a respectful, fair and inclusive environment.

THE GOLDEN RULES

RESPECT DIFFERENCES

Value all cultures, backgrounds and personal habits. Keep disagreements professional and polite, and focus on policy, rights and ideas, never on the person. Accommodate requests for physical distance or health precautions.

SHOW EMPATHY

Speak slowly and clearly. Listen patiently and make sure everyone has time to share their thoughts.

SHARE THE FLOOR, PROTECT PRIVACY

Make sure quieter voices and different perspectives are heard. Keep personal stories shared in workshops strictly confidential.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILMING

Photography (including flash), video recording and live-streaming will take place throughout the event. Images and recordings may be used by the organisers and partners for promotional, marketing, editorial and archive purposes in print, online and on social media.

If you do not wish to be photographed or filmed, please ask for a yellow lanyard at the registration desk. Our photographers and videographers will make every reasonable effort to avoid recording anyone wearing one. By attending, you acknowledge that photography and filming will take place and consent to the use of your image, unless you are wearing a yellow lanyard.

LANYARD COLOURS

Yellow
No photography or filming

Red
Participants under 18

FOOD AND DRINK

WHAT WE'RE PROVIDING

THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

12:00–14:00	Lunch on arrival, with coffee and tea
16:45–17:15	Coffee break
19:00–21:00	Networking evening at Manchester Museum, with food and drinks

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

10:30–11:00	Coffee break
12:35–14:00	Lunch
15:30–16:00	Coffee break

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VERY GOOD

Food safety

All catering comes from food outlets with the highest food hygiene rating, 5 (Very Good), from the UK Food Standards Agency.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS AND ALLERGIES

We have shared the dietary requirements you gave us at registration with the caterers. They will do their best to cater for them, and all food will be clearly labelled.

All meals are served buffet-style, so we cannot fully guarantee that every dietary requirement will be met, or that food will be free from cross-contamination. Please take care when choosing your food, read the labels and ask catering staff if you are unsure about anything. If you have a severe allergy, we recommend speaking to a member of catering staff before eating.

The organisers cannot accept responsibility for any reactions or issues resulting from food consumed at the event.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

IN AN EMERGENCY

999
Emergency services

0161 306 9966
Campus Security

NEED A HAND?

Lost, running late, or need something sorted? Tap **Need a hand?** on the Participants hub at **euyd26.uk/hub**. Your message goes to the whole organising team, who will get back to you quickly. If it can't wait, find anyone from the organising team.

THE FIRE ALARM AT UNIVERSITY PLACE

STAGE 1

Short electronic sounds with a recorded announcement

There is an emergency, but you do not need to leave yet. Stay where you are and listen for further instructions.

STAGE 2

A longer, continuous alarm with a different announcement

Leave the building immediately.

Please note: the fire alarm is usually tested on Friday mornings at 09:00. If you hear it then, you do not need to leave.

IF YOU NEED TO EVACUATE

- Follow the green Fire Exit signs to the nearest exit.
- Do not use the lifts.
- Do not stop to collect your belongings.
- Follow instructions from staff.
- Go to the assembly point: **the paved area in front of the Williamson Building**.
- Do not go back inside until the Senior Fire Officer tells you it is safe.

AT THE VENUE

ACCESSIBILITY

The venue has step-free access to the main event spaces and facilities, and lifts to all floors. Signs on site will guide you.

For detailed access information, see the AccessAble guide to University Place:

accessable.co.uk/the-university-of-manchester/access-guides/university-place

If you need extra support, please contact the organisers before the event.

CLOAKROOM AND LUGGAGE

There will be a cloakroom for coats and jackets, and a safe space to store luggage, so you can come straight from the station or check out of your hotel without carrying bags all day.

Please keep valuables such as your phone, wallet and passport with you. The organisers cannot take responsibility for items left in the cloakroom or luggage area.

SEE YOU IN MANCHESTER

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