

The Monastery Manchester Chosen as SDG Hub for Health and Education Programme













The <u>UNGSIIFoundation</u> has selected The Monastery Manchester, a stunning example of the gothic style known as Manchester's Taj Mahal, as a Global HUB for Health & Education.

"This provides Greater Manchester with the opportunities to improve people's health and well-being, create new and meaningful jobs while implementing the UN Sustainable Development Goals to ensure that everyone benefits," said **Gareth Presch**, CEO of <u>World Health Innovation Summit</u> (WHIS) and UNGSII, SDG3/4 Expert.

The UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted in 2015, aims for present and future peace and prosperity for people and the planet. It is based on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which need, among others, strategies to improve health and education. "Replacing Diesel-Buses with Zero Emission Buses and building affordable houses in line with SDG quality or constructing new assisted living for those in need will change the life for the young and the old," said **Roland Schatz**, Founder and CEO of UNGSII Foundation, adding that the companies committed to the principle of sustainability will also benefit from these changes.

The Monastery in Greater Manchester was chosen to engage with the lighthouse project 25+5 SDG Leadership platform, where 25 cities from all continents as well as 5 Indigenous Communities fast-track the implementation of the Agenda by December 2025.

"The Monastery team is passionate about improving the health, well-being and quality of education in our local communities. We are honoured to have been chosen by UNGSII to become an SDG3/4 Global Hub for Health, Well-Being and Education and look forward to working with our new partners to maximise this opportunity for the benefit of everyone who lives Greater Manchester," commented **Elaine Griffiths**, CEO of The Monastery Manchester.

This development recognises the Monastery's knowledge and partnerships in health, well-being and quality education, and their commitment to benefit the community of Greater Manchester for the last 22 years. The UNGSII selection is regarded as a major boost for the region. First, it increases its global presence against a backdrop of Brexit. Second, it facilitates investing in health, well-being and learning initiatives that will assist in the delivery of Greater Manchester's strategic health and community objectives.

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