How can we govern cities differently? Co-production in action





Jam and Justice is a learning-by-doing research project about the potential and pitfalls of co-production in urban governance.

We want to seize the opportunity to make devolution matter in Greater Manchester by creating spaces for social innovation and inspiring and igniting change.



The 21st Century Councillor

We are working with **North West Employers** and **four local councils** in Greater Manchester to test different ideas about roles for local elected members in their communities.



People's Republic of Energy

Initiated by the **Carbon Coop** and **Energy Democracy Greater Manchester**, this project looks at different models that can give citizens, workers and members greater control over the governance of the energy system in Greater Manchester.



The System Doesn't Work

This creative photography project works with **community researchers** to document how people engaged in local community projects understand politics beyond the ballot box, and how they think and act politically.



Transform GM

Transform GM is kickstarting a mapping exercise to show the diversity of social economy initiatives in Greater Manchester, with a focus on below-the-radar activities.



GM Decides

Working with **Amity**, this user-centred project looks at the scope for digital democratic innovations in Greater Manchester (GM), focusing on citizen engagement in policy initiation and design.



OUR PROJECTS





People's Procurement

Working with the **Centre for Local Economic Strategies** we are testing innovative new ways of exploring scenarios for Greater Manchester residents to have more say in how public money is spent.



The Care at Home Challenge

This project with **Shared Future CIC** is working with people who are directly involved in doing, or deciding about, care-at-home policy – exploring ways to bring emotional and practical considerations into decisions over healthcare delivery.



Space in Common

Running alongside the development of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework, we are working with the **Democratic Society** to ask how we can have better conversations about spatial planning?



Young People Missing from Decisions

The Children's Society are supporting this youth-led design process with young people, to explore how they are missing from decisions that routinely affect their lives.



Co-producing the Green Summit

Through participation in the **Green Summit Steering Group**, this project seeks to widen citizen engagement in the development of the city-region's first Green Summit.



"Some basics... food, clothes and shelter.
Everybody needs to be under the umbrella of love."

Photograph taken by Daniel Nkrumah, Community Researcher *The System Doesn't Work.*

Our projects have been initiated by the Action Research Collective (ARC), a group of people from different walks of life, brought together by Jam and Justice to learn by doing about the process of co-production.

Our peer learning and exchange network connects us to cities across the world including Barcelona, Cape Town, Chicago, Glasgow, Gothenburg, Kisumu, Melbourne and Paris.

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