

What's next for the Manchester city region?

A public debate

Speakers: Will Hutton (Work Foundation), Caroline Downey (MERCi), Alan Harding (University of Manchester), David Campbell (Transport Resource Unit, GMVCO) and Brendan Nevin (Nevin Leather Associates)

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In recent decades there have been some high-profile achievements in the Manchester city region. Despite these, it still faces some daunting challenges. Severe levels of deprivation, endemic low pay in many parts of the economy, an aging housing stock, growing environmental concerns, and a struggling public infrastructure: these continue to be very real problems made worse by the on-going economic crisis and ones to which any newly elected central government will be expected to respond.

In this context, the public debate will be a chance for the citizens of the Manchester city region to air their views on these issues - and others - facing the city region.

So this is an invitation: turn up, have your say, and make a difference.

There is no attendance fee.

Will Hutton is the executive vice chair of The Work Foundation. He has written several best-selling books including *The World We're In*, *The State We're In*; *The State to Come*; *The Stakeholding Society*; *On The Edge*; and *The Writing on the Wall: China and the West in the 21st Century*. He is currently working with the Core Cities Group on a report on the future of British cities.

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