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## Message from the Founding Director

Randa Bessiso, Founding Director, The University of Manchester Middle East Centre



It is a pleasure to introduce the Middle East Centre Annual Alumni Book 2024 and to celebrate our amazing regional community of students and alumni once more. On behalf of all the team at the Middle East Centre, it is also my privilege to welcome you to our social highlight of the year – the Annual Students and Alumni Gala Dinner – as we continue to celebrate our bicentenary.

It's wonderful to be among friends. This is an opportunity to start new friendships and rekindle old ones. For those of our community who cannot join us today, we are thinking of you. No matter where you are living and working in the region, we value your friendship and contribution to our shared community.

As ever, much has happened over the last 12 months and it is always challenging to select the highlights, when there are so many. You will read about many of them in this booklet but I wanted to highlight several here.

Our regional community grows larger and stronger every year; in the last 12 months alone, 199 new students have joined one of our part-time master's programmes – and of course our regional alumni community, as well. Every one of them enriches the whole group and brings really extraordinary experience and expertise with them as very capable working professionals who refresh and re-invigorate the community.

It is very satisfying that we are able to continue to attract such high-quality new students - many of them join us because they see our qualities and achievements. Many of these new students join on the personal recommendation of existing students and alumni and for this we are very grateful. Our cohorts are increasingly diverse and inclusive in every way and we believe this is one of the secrets of our success.

I should add that alongside our regional community, we also have a growing group of partners – corporate, professional, and social responsibility- each of whom adds a unique component to the experience of all our students and alumni. They also benefit from access to you all, as potential employment candidates and professional networking contacts.

Over the last year, we have welcomed new partners and renewed others including Saudi German Hospital, Johnson Controls, EMIR (Emerging Market Intelligence & Research), Gulf Insurance Group K.S.C.P, Nogaholding The Oil & Gas Holding Company B.S.C., ICS Arabia Ltd, Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance, British Chamber of Commerce Bahrain and Oracle.

We are increasingly active with our partners in social responsibility with the opportunities this brings to the community to engage, support and volunteer. The Dubai Cares 'Adopt a School' programme has been very successful and the foundation of our 15th anniversary programme. We reached our fundraising target a year ago and the build phase of the school will start in December 2024. We continue to develop a deeper working relationship with Dubai Cares and this programme in particular.

The University of Manchester on 12th June was named top in both the UK and Europe, and second in the world for meaningful contributions towards the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) in the 2024 Times Higher Education (THE) University Impact Rankings.

With a unique commitment to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals, The University of Manchester is the only institution in the world to rank in the top ten for social and environmental impact in every year of the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings.

We are always looking to innovate. We all understand the positive impact of mentoring and Manchester MentorME is our new initiative designed to connect our experienced alumni mentors with aspiring mentees from our student and alumni community, fostering career growth, personal and professional development, and creating meaningful connections. This new mentoring programme perfectly complements the services provided by our very active Careers & Alumni Relations team.

The University is taking ever-greater interest in the region and our community and this is reflected in the increasing number of senior level visits we are hosting. This will continue and we look forward to connecting campus representatives with students and alumni, wherever possible.

The Middle East Centre team is also spending more time on the road visiting countries in the region and connecting with students, alumni and partners locally, often with the support of our extraordinary faculty who may deliver an open or closed masterclass and help the community to network around these events. We know that this face to face contact is highly valued and we endeavour to cover as much ground as we can even as our community grows.

There is nothing more rewarding, inspiring and satisfying in our work than learning more about what our part-time master's students and alumni have gone on to achieve – as corporate leaders or entrepreneurs, social or community supporters and leaders. We are fortunate that so many of our alumni maintain a close relationship with the centre and the regional community, which is very gratifying. Some of you go on to become Teaching Assistants and share your knowledge and experience to help others along their learning journeys. And some of you have become Adjunct Faculty, supporting and leading the learning journey. The collective impact of this community – your community – is remarkable and you can see many examples and stories in our 'I Am Impactful' stories. Please do continue to share these with us so we can share them with everyone.

Our community is in very good shape and continues to grow and I would like to thank my brilliant Middle East Centre team for all their energy, enthusiasm and commitment, and to our faculty, who regularly make time to support us and share their experience and expertise with the rest of our regional community.

Thank you for your continued trust, support and friendship - and for making a difference.

**Randa Bessiso, Founding Director, The University of Manchester Middle East Centre**



## Message from the Middle East Centre Team

The Annual Student and Alumni Dinner is the social highlight of the year and our way of saying 'thank you' for your support and celebrating your success and achievements.

At this annual social gathering we acknowledge and recognise the contributions you have made to The University of Manchester, the Middle East Centre and the regional community as a whole. It's a collective celebration but we also recognise exceptional individual contributions through our Alumni Awards and of course the ongoing support of our brilliant Alumni Ambassadors.

We are delighted that our community of students is growing right across our portfolio of Global Part-time MBA, MSc Financial Management and MA Educational Leadership in Practice programmes.

Of course, we also continue to grow our regional community of corporate partners and social responsibility partners, who all contribute to our shared experience and support many of our events through the year (including our Gala) and we are very grateful to them.

This year, the Middle East Centre has welcomed new members to our team. We are delighted to introduce Saqer Alyasery, Programmes Administrator; Hussam Irshad, Marketing Operations & Corporate Relations Executive; Valerio Gerro, Business Development Executive; Rebekah John, Marketing Executive; Ahmad Al Khatib, Finance Officer; Qamar Gamal, Programmes Administrator, and wish them every success

We have also said goodbye to staff members and we thank them all for their dedication and their contributions to the success of the Centre and wish them well. They are always welcome at the Centre.

Today, the Middle East Centre continues to be the largest and fastest growing in the University's international network of centres and one of the main reasons is the quality of our students and alumni, and the active support of our diverse regional community, which is so important to our success.

We are committed to supporting each and every one of you and wherever you are based in the region, we look forward to meeting you in person very soon.

Thank you for your continuous support and commitment to the University of Manchester.

### Middle East Centre Team



# The Manchester Alumni Network

## A powerful force for good

The strength of The University of Manchester's alumni network is its size, its commitment to supporting the Manchester family and its shared sense of purpose. It is the largest network of any campus-based University in the UK. In 2024 it has over 550,000 alumni in almost every country in the world. The number grows every year with each graduating class. It has an incredible diversity of talent, skills and professional expertise. Manchester graduates enter almost kind of industry and profession available. Most importantly, though, is the sense of responsibility alumni share. Alumni give their time to support fellow alumni, future generations of students and the communities they live in. Thousands of alumni give their time every year and we invite you to be an active member of this network.

## Be an ambassador for the University

Wherever you go - you are a representative of the University. You may have colleagues, friends and family considering higher study. Whether it is for a first degree or a professional Master's, you will have opportunities to help make others aware of what Manchester has to offer and how it has benefited you. You can also help us speak to prospective students who are based in your region, or who are interested in the same course. Your experience of study at Manchester is invaluable to anyone who is weighing the big decision of choosing which university to go to. Our teams are running programmes to help guide prospective students in choosing Manchester. The voices of alumni like you are an invaluable part of this conversation. Alumni also say it is a very rewarding experience to help prospective students in this way.

## Be an alumni Contact

Our global community is built on the network of international alumni Contacts and Groups. These are points of connection in cities worldwide where alumni can find each other. They are run by alumni volunteers, acting as a Contact, organising local Groups. If you can help, get in touch and join a team near you, or establish a new group if there isn't one already. To all of our alumni Contacts already working to keep the network connected: we say a huge thank you. Find an alumni Contact near you: [your.manchester.ac.uk/get-involved/global-networks](https://your.manchester.ac.uk/get-involved/global-networks) and email: [alumni.me@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:alumni.me@manchester.ac.uk)

## Speak at events

We are always looking for interesting speakers who can illuminate subjects of interest. If you would like to help in this way, get in touch.

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## Alumni Ambassadors Awards 2023



### Outstanding Alumni Award 2023

**Dr. Derar Hasan Abdel-Qader**

Associate Clinical Professor & Consultant Pharmacotherapist -  
Infectious Diseases

## Alumni Ambassadors 2023



**Yasmine Kamal**

MBA – Class of 2017



**Fadi Moukaddem**

MBA – class of 2010



**Ola Hodeib**

MBA – Class of 2022



**Andrew Strefford**

MBA – Class of 2022



**Nabil Hamdan**

MBA – Class of 2023

## Alumni Spotlight



**Roshel Jayasundera**  
**Managing Partner, Axios International**

"My MBA experience was amazing and thanks to the consistent support of the team it was a smooth journey. I started a new job in 2016 and in January 2017, I started the MBA. So, I wasn't there when everyone else was in workshops and networking but everyone was supportive and helped me navigate these challenges. I graduated with distinction and can't thank the University and the team enough."

**Moatassem Moatez** **Founder and CEO, MYcourier Inc, Canada**

"My Middle East/MBA experience provided a strong foundation for starting my new venture in Canada. It equipped me with the skills to navigate uncertainty and establish a clear structure amid the chaos of a new business. My education guided me to focus on essential areas such as key metrics and financials, enabling me to maintain a firm grasp on the business's performance."



**Neeraj Kumar**  
**Regional Head - Customer Success (MENA),  
Newgen Software**

"One particular highlight was the opportunity at the regular MBA workshops to engage with a range of classmates with different backgrounds and experience, as well as faculty members, fostering a dynamic learning environment. Additionally, participating in experiential learning projects and networking events allowed me to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world scenarios and expand my professional horizons."







#### **Diana Wilson**

#### **Peer Reviewer, International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement**

University alumna Diana Wilson, a graduate of the Part-time MA in Education Leadership in Practice program, received the Outstanding Leadership in Education Award at the Education 2.0 Conference Dubai Edition 2024. She was selected based on her reputation, achievements, professional experience, creative thinking, and decisive leadership, which were further validated through her impact on social media. This award marks her first international recognition for her contributions to education, and she remains dedicated to advancing education in the UAE.

#### **Mohannad AlKalash Managing Director, Zoom**

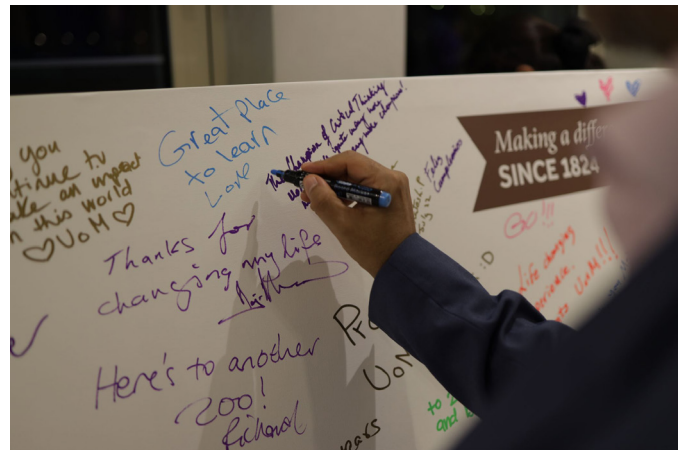
Mohannad AlKalash, Managing Director for Zoom in the Middle East, Turkey, Pakistan, and Africa, and Founder of CyberX, started his career in technology and sales before pursuing a BSc in Computing and later graduating from the Global Part-time MBA at the University of Manchester in 2019. During the MBA, he focused on marketing and developed his business idea, leading to the creation of CyberX, the region's leading cybersecurity awareness platform with over 90 million followers. Mohannad maintains close ties with the University as an alumni ambassador leading the Alumni Group in Riyadh, and advocates for blended learning as a means to upskill professionals in Saudi Arabia.



## Bicentenary Light-up Celebration

On January 17, we celebrated the start of our 200th year with a special Light-up event of the Middle East Centre in purple at Dubai Knowledge Park at 18:24 - a nod to our origin year.

This magnificent evening was attended by students, alumni, partners and our guests Richard Cotton, Head of International Development, The University of Manchester and Naji AlMahdi, Chief of Qualification and Awards, Knowledge & Human Development Authority.





## Bicentenary Celebration in Dubai in the presence of the President and Vice Chancellor, Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell

President and Vice-Chancellor of The University of Manchester, Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell, visited the Middle East Centre on the occasion of the bicentenary celebration. Her presence was truly appreciated and valued by the entire community. Dame Nancy Rothwell's leadership continues to pave the way for groundbreaking research, inclusive education, and meaningful global partnerships. The Bicentenary Celebration was an opportunity to recognize senior alumni of the Middle East Centre.



### Outstanding Alumni Awards

Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell awarded the university’s outstanding alumni during the bicentenary celebration.



**Dr. Derar Hasan Abdel-Qader**



**Dr. Aisha Bin Bishr**



**Dr. Najji AlMahdi**

### Longest Serving Alumni

We recognised our Longest Serving Alumni - Wasseem Suleiman, Dr. Amin Elkholy, Sadia Aman, Firas Eid, Tim Shelton, and Zahi Chaar.



### The First 200 Graduates

The University of Manchester Middle East Centre recognised alumni who were among the First 200 graduates during the bicentenary celebration. Ali Shah, Dr. Amin Elkholy, Anil Kumar, Helmi A, John Hammond, Joumana Beirut, Khalill Neetoo, Amer Khan, Mohsen Manialawy, Osama AlBaz, Capt Pradeep Singh, Roger Zehil, Sam Shoaie, and Srinivasalu Dasarathan.





## The University of Manchester Bicentenary reception in Mumbai

The Middle East Centre team joined The University of Manchester Bicentenary reception in Mumbai on Friday 17th May at Taj Land's End, hosted by President & Vice-Chancellor Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell, along with the university's senior leadership team.

The reception was a great opportunity to network with our ever-growing global alumni community based in India plus senior leaders from industry, business, academic institutions and government. It was a celebration of 200 years of research, learning, innovation and social responsibility



# 200 Years of Making a Difference

## Regional Bicentenary Celebrations

The Middle East Centre team celebrated the University's 200th anniversary and reconnected with students, alumni, and partners in Riyadh, Jeddah, Egypt, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and Kuwait.





### The First 200 Graduates of the Middle East Centre

As we mark our 200th year, we honor our alumni, across the Middle East Region, including the first 200 graduates since the establishment of the Middle East Centre in 2006.



**Faisal Haddawi**



**Mohammed Fazil  
Abduraheem**



**Abdallah Ismail**



**Bandar Almusallam**



**Toufic Sabbagh**



**Tamer El Gohary**



**Magdy Abdelsalam**



**Alaa Bhusain**



**Bernhard van der  
Merwe**





**Mohamed Ould  
Mainatt**



**Mohammad Hussain**



**Wafa'a Al Yahri**



**Dr. Zulfa Al Disi**



**Augusto Morias**



**Johny Saad**



**Moataz Bellah Hegab**



**Mohamed Ibrahim**



Ongoing Impact - Alumni Contributions



Ibrahim Issa Al Rawahy



Fatma Al-Maawali



Moamen Omar Ali



Ola Hodieb



Hamed AbuSaadeh



Yasmine Kamal



## Bicentenary Festival in Manchester

The Middle East Centre alumni Khaled Khedr, Nada Jammoul Messaikeh, Marie Thérèse Salamé, and Hany Mourad had the incredible opportunity to participate in The Universally Manchester Festival from June 6-9 and meet up with Professor Fiona Devine. From the energy of the city coming alive for this joyful occasion to attending inspiring talks and lectures, the Middle East Centre alumni experienced it all. The music recitals at the Manchester Art Gallery, reconnecting with fellow alumni from around the globe, and sharing fond memories.

They also got a chance to attend the reception at the Manchester Museum during the weekend. Listening to the chancellor's speech, which celebrated the University's global impact, and instilled in them a profound sense of pride and belonging.





# Annual Career Networking Event 2023

## Annual Career Networking Event focuses on the future of work and skills

The Middle East Centre's Annual Career Networking Event brought together a group of senior HR experts from some of the leading organisations in the region for an interactive panel discussion on the future of work and skills, followed by a networking session where students and alumni could meet face to face with representatives of the University's corporate partners including General Motors, L'Oréal, Maersk, Publicis Sapient, Saudi German Hospital, AstraZeneca, and many others.





# Annual Women in Business Forum 2023 addresses ‘Sustainability’

The Middle East Centre hosted its 6th Annual Women in Business Forum addressing the topic “Sustainability” in line with the UAE’s ‘Year of Sustainability’ which brought together over 75 students, alumni, corporate partners and guests. Sustainability made a fitting theme for the 2023 Women in Business Forum, which brought together a range of senior executives and thought leaders from various industries to share their insights, views and experiences to help inspire a large audience of businesspeople (women and men), alumni and invited guests. The forum hosted sustainability experts from COP28, SDG Global, ADNEC Group, Johnson Controls, Abu Dhabi Airports, Landmark Group, Dell Technologies, Arcadis, Aurora50, and Emirates Marine Environmental Group.





# Annual Students and Alumni Gala Dinner 2023 – Movie Night

The University of Manchester Middle East Centre held its Annual Students and Alumni Gala Dinner on September 21, 2023, with a captivating “Movie Night” theme. Students, alumni, and their guests enjoyed an evening filled with entertainment, trivia, and awards for the best dressed. It was a night of fun, with plenty of prizes, popcorn, and dancing.









## Visit from The Chancellor of The University of Manchester, Nazir Afzal OBE



The Chancellor of the University of Manchester, Nazir Afzal OBE, visited the University of Manchester Middle East Centre for the first time and joined a lunch with members of the student and alumni community, and the Centre team.

The Chancellor - the University's ceremonial head and one of its most prominent ambassadors - is involved in activities which promote the University to the wider community and plays a key part in some of the University's important business.

At the Middle East Centre, the Chancellor was welcomed by the Middle East Director, Randa Bessiso, and was given a tour of the Centre before joining a networking lunch with staff, students, and alumni, followed by a roundtable discussion.

## Graduation Celebration 2023 in the presence of Professor Kenneth McPhail, Head of Alliance Manchester Business School

The Middle East Centre hosted its 10th Graduation on November 16th, 2023 in the presence of Professor Kenneth McPhail, Head of Alliance Manchester Business School, Xavier Duran, MBA Programme Director, and Craig Best Head of Student and Academic Services, as well as the Middle East Centre's leadership team. It was a beautiful morning filled with proud families and graduates as they stepped into their futures.

A special thank you to our inspirational speakers Dr Abdulla Al Karam, Director General of the Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA), and His Majesty's British Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Edward Hobart CMG, as well as Sarah Abuagela, Graduate Representative.





## Visit from Professor Gabrielle Finn, Vice Dean for Teaching, Learning and Students

Professor Gabrielle Finn, Vice Dean for Teaching, Learning, and Students at the University of Manchester, made her first visit to the Middle East Centre in her new role. During her visit, she toured the Centre, met with the team to learn about its history, and participated in a roundtable discussion with staff, students, alumni, and alumni ambassadors. She was impressed by the long-term commitment of the alumni ambassadors, their dedication to social responsibility, and their strong connection to the community. Professor Finn also highlighted the diversity within the Centre, with its 2,300 graduates representing 104 nationalities, and emphasized the importance of inclusivity and listening to the student voice. She noted the strong sense of pride and community at the Centre, particularly with students embracing the Manchester identity.



## Manchester MentorME Programme

The University of Manchester Middle East Centre has kickstarted the first two cohorts of the “Manchester MentorME” mentoring programme and celebrated the conclusion of the first cohort with an impact event held in February 2024. The aim of the event was to celebrate the success of the mentors and mentees from the first cohort, present the new initiatives of the Manchester MentorME programme and showcase its impact through the insightful feedback shared by mentors and mentees about their experiences. This event served as a culmination of the mentoring journey, marking a significant milestone in our collective pursuit of personal and professional development.





## International Women's Day

### Middle East Centre hosts special interactive session for International Women's Day 2024

An inspiring morning well spent with our amazing community in celebration of International Women's Day! Thank you to all those that joined us for breakfast, with a special thank you to our guest speaker, Rouba Zeidan, for delivering an interactive session on "Get Boardroom Ready: Owning your voice and leading with Confidence."



## Professor Luke Georghiou and Richard Cotton's visit to the Middle East Centre



The Middle East Centre was delighted to welcome Professor Luke Georghiou - Deputy President and Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Manchester – on his first visit to Dubai on April 22, 2024. The visit coincided with Global MBA workshops hosted by the Centre and he was able to see academics and students in action, as well as meet Centre staff, student representatives, GEMBA students, Alumni Ambassadors, Teaching Associates and local faculty, during an intensive day's schedule. During his visit, Professor Georghiou spoke about the University's internationalisation strategy, executive education, bicentenary celebrations and the university's relationships and collaborations in the Middle East, including the potential for research.

It was a delightful opportunity for students and the alumni community to meet and network with Professor Georghiou, and Richard Cotton, as well as to engage in insightful discussions about the University's current initiatives and plans.



# Careers and Industry Highlights



Economics & Strategy of Open Banking by Professor Markos Zachariadis



Innovation, Institutional Investors & Low-carbon transitions by Professor Kenneth McPhail



Mastering the Modern Job Search by Mike Hynes



Elevator Pitch and Personal Branding by Hiba Abbassi



Startup Fundraising by Saad Ansari



Negotiation Skills by Malcolm Smith

## Executive Education

Alliance Manchester Business School offers a portfolio of short professional development courses designed by leading business academics to enhance leadership and management skills. Whether you're looking to boost your own skills or improve your employees' capabilities, these courses can help you thrive in today's fast-paced business environment and drive positive change in your organisation. Alumni of The University of Manchester also enjoy a 20% discount.

**Data and AI for Leaders**

**Transforming Customer Experiences**

**Digital Marketing Essentials for Leaders**

**Leading ESG and Sustainability**

**Leading and Implementing Innovation**

**Manchester Leadership Development Programme**

**Advanced Management Achievement Course**

**Personal and Organisational Resilience**

**Managing Complex Business Challenges**

**Navigating Cyber Risk**

**Leading Major Projects**

**Unlocking Strategic Competitive Advantage**

**Leading Digital Transformation**

**Strategic Productivity**

**Finance for Non-Financial Leaders**

**Psychology of Leading People**



# Social Responsibility

The University of Manchester Middle East Centre actively engages in various social responsibility initiatives. These activities are designed to positively impact the local community and beyond, reflecting our dedication to making a difference in society. Through partnerships, volunteer programmes, and community outreach, we strive to uphold the university’s core values and contribute to a better future for all.

Over the years, the Middle East Centre has developed partnerships with key charity organizations:



**Social Responsibility Initiatives**



**Tree Planting with Professor Kenneth McPhail at Emirates Marine Environmental Group**

Professor Ken McPhail, Dean of Alliance Manchester Business School, joined students and alumni in a Mangrove tree plantation during his visit to the Middle East Centre.



**Empowering Abilities**

The University of Manchester Middle East Centre sponsored the Empowering Abilities Event in Dubai hosted by Massiraa which explores how to improve opportunities for People of Determination.



**National Bank of Kuwait Children's Cancer Hospital Visit, Kuwait**

The University of Manchester Middle East Centre organized a social responsibility initiative at the National Bank of Kuwait Specialized Children's Cancer Hospital, aiming to bring joy to young patients through the distribution of toys. Alumni volunteers, including Duaa Abu Rizk, Yasmine Kamal, Hamed AbuSaadeh, and Mohamed Eldarsy, generously participated in the visit. This initiative reflects our ongoing commitment to community engagement and making a positive impact across the region.



**Oman - National Autism Centre**

The University's staff and alumni spent a morning at The National Autism Centre. It was a humbling experience doing activities with the children, gaining insight into how the Centre works, and meeting with their staff.



**Supporting Al Noor Training Centre for People of Determination in Dubai**

On June 25, 2024, Randa Bessiso, along with the Middle East Centre team, attended the graduation ceremony at the Al Noor Training Centre for People with Disabilities.



**Annual Ramadan Suhoor 2024**



**Ramadan Suhoor gathering highlights the deeply human impact of social responsibility partnerships**

The University of Manchester Middle East Centre chose to mark the Holy Month of Ramadan by celebrating the gift of giving with a Suhoor dinner gathering in the presence of students, families, friends and staff of the University, alongside the Centre’s social responsibility partners in March 2024. All the partners were able to present their distinctive contributions to the community and guests were invited to join and support their efforts through the University partnerships, or directly. It was a remarkable evening during which guests learned more about social responsibility, the transformational impact it can make on people’s lives (both recipients and providers of support) and they even heard the personal stories from some of those who have benefited.

Among the guests and social responsibility partners & collaborators who shared their stories with us are Rajesh Garg – Landmark Group, Maria Conceicao, Make-A-Wish Foundation in KSA, Senses Residential and Day Care Centre for Special Needs, The Sparkle Foundation, and Al Noor Training Centre for People of Determination in Dubai.

**Ramadan 2024 Initiatives**

During the Holy Month of Ramadan, the Middle East Centre ran a number of initiatives with its social responsibility partners and invited the regional community to help support people in need.

**Gaza in Our Hearts**

We collaborated with Dubai Cares to raise funds for “Gaza in our Hearts” initiative, a nationwide Ramadan fundraising campaign that mobilizes the UAE community to raise vital funds for the provision of emergency relief for the people of Gaza.

**Labour camp Iftar Distribution**

The Middle East Centre Community distributed Iftar meals to labourers in their camps, and delivered Ramadan gifts for families in need.



**Emirates Red Crescent: The Big Heart Foundation – Eid Clothing Initiative for Children in Need.**

The University’s team, students and alumni collaborated with Emirates Red Crescent and took children in need shopping for Eid clothes during the Holy month of Ramadan.



**Volunteering at Senses Residential and Day Care for Special Needs.**

Students, alumni and staff of the university spent a day with the children at Senses Residential and Day Care for Special Needs, helping them with their daily chores and activities.



**Bahrain - Ramadan Meals Distribution to blue collar labourers in Bahrain**

Students, alumni and staff of the university distributed meals to labourers in camps in Bahrain.



## Student Referral Programme

BeeKind, BeeInspired, BeetheChange, BeeManchester! Refer a friend, colleague or family member to any of our programmes and they can avail a 10% discount on their tuition fees, and you will also be rewarded! Get in touch with one of our counsellors to learn more.



# Keep in touch!

## **Connect**

We want to celebrate your life and success after graduation. Please take the time to share your recent accomplishments, career updates and contact information at: [alumni.me@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:alumni.me@manchester.ac.uk)

## **Engage**

Join us for virtual and in-person events and participate at our Social Responsibility initiatives. Keep your contact information up-to-date so you don't miss anything.

## **Reach Out**

to Career Services Need help with reviewing your resume, interviewing, or transitioning to a new career field? Our careers team would love to help.

## **Refer a Friend**

Some of the best referrals of prospective students come from our alumni. Learn more about our Student Referral Programme at: <https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/studentreferral-programme>.

# Stay connected!

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