



# RENOLD INNOVATION HUB

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# A DYNAMIC INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

**Sister will see the transformation of a former academic campus into a world-leading innovation district and vibrant new city-centre neighbourhood.**

Here, exciting new start-ups and entrepreneurs will be located next to leading global corporates and cutting-edge research institutions.

With new offices, homes, amenities and green spaces, Sister will be a place to work, live, meet, collaborate and spark the ideas and inventions that change the way we live.



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# THE BEST CONNECTED HUB IN THE NORTH

**Sister is uniquely located in the heart of the Manchester city centre.**

Next to Manchester’s main transport hub, Piccadilly Station, it offers easy access to key public transport routes. Also part of the Oxford Road Corridor Knowledge Quarter, with nearby centres for science and innovation, cultural and academic institutions, and a rapidly growing cluster of digital and technology businesses on the doorstep.







# OUR VISION

**Driving positive change through inclusive innovation.**

Sister will be recognised internationally as one of the world’s leading applied innovation districts.

Home to the UK’s most exciting new ideas and disruptive technologies, it is a place founded on the belief that ideas flourish where business, education and communities come together.

Sister will be a world-class innovation platform in the heart of one of the most exciting global cities, all set within an abundantly green and vibrant new neighbourhood. It will honour the heritage of Manchester while driving inclusive and sustainable economic growth for the city region and beyond.







# PROJECT PARTNERS

## Backed by industry leaders.

Sister is a joint venture between The University of Manchester and Bruntwood SciTech.

This progressive partnership combines world-class research and innovation expertise with the UK’s largest property platform for the knowledge economy.

The University of Manchester is recognised globally for its pioneering research, outstanding teaching and learning, and commitment to social responsibility. Ranked the 6th best university in the UK and 32nd in the world, the University collaborates across disciplines and industries with a broad spectrum of international blue chips, ambitious SMEs and pioneering institutions.

Bruntwood SciTech is the country’s leading developer of city-wide innovation ecosystems. With unique experience of working in strategic partnership with universities, city councils and NHS trusts, Bruntwood SciTech provides premium office and lab space, a range of scientific services and specialist business support to help science and technology companies to form, scale and grow.

A joint venture by







# THE RENOLD INNOVATION HUB

**A new home for Manchester’s most promising entrepreneurs, start-ups and spin-outs.**

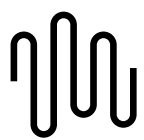
Celebrating its history as a purpose-built teaching facility, Renold has been brought back to life as an innovation hub, forming the cornerstone of Sister’s innovation ecosystem. At Renold, the North West’s most exciting early-stage businesses will have streamlined access to the world-class expertise of the University.

Renold and the Sister site sits adjacent to the University campus, opening up access to leading global experts, state-of-the-art facilities and collaboration opportunities that will help accelerate innovation and business growth.

Offering coworking space, training and events, networking and collaboration opportunities and more, the Renold Innovation Hub will be the catalyst that helps turn bright ideas into scalable businesses and world-changing inventions.







# A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT TO HELP YOU GROW AND THRIVE

**Through Renold, you can benefit from a range of valuable services to help take your business to the next level.**

## STREAMLINED ACCESS TO UNIVERSITY EXPERTISE

Get access to world-class research institutions and catalyst programmes through various University of Manchester innovation initiatives aligned to Sister’s core specialisms of digital tech, health innovation, biotechnology and advanced materials and manufacturing.

These catalysts, several of which will be based at Renold, include:

### TURING INNOVATION CATALYST MANCHESTER

The Turing Innovation Catalyst Manchester (TIC) is connecting the dots across Greater Manchester’s AI ecosystem, accelerating the growth of existing and new start-ups within AI, deep digital tech and digital trust technologies.

Partnering with a broad spectrum of industry, academic and public sector partners, TIC delivers an ambitious programme of activities for AI start-ups including venture building, accelerators and investment readiness programmes; skills and talent programmes; and collaborative R&D projects.

### INDUSTRIAL BIOTECHNOLOGY INNOVATION CATALYST

The Industrial Biotechnology Innovation Catalyst (IBIC) is a collaborative initiative between North West universities and industry partners, and works across disciplinary and sector boundaries to foster a holistic ecosystem of biotechnology research. IBIC is a place to share ideas, to nurture partnerships and to accelerate innovation.

IBIC provides opportunities to network and connect, and offers access to cutting-edge R&D knowledge and facilities, accelerator programmes, skills development, business advice and a talent pipeline to empower the growth of biotechnology businesses and help create positive real-world impact.

### CHRISTABEL PANKHURST INSTITUTE

A unique partnership between the University, NHS, business and local government, The Christabel Pankhurst Institute supports health technology research and innovation.

The Institute helps translate world-leading research across a spectrum of academic specialties, including digital technologies, AI and advanced materials, into innovative new products and services that tackle pressing health and care challenges.

The Institute provides a front door to the Greater Manchester health innovation ecosystem.

### GRAPHENE ENGINEERING INNOVATION CENTRE

Located on the wider Sister site, the Graphene Engineering Innovation Centre (GEIC) is an industry-led innovation centre that supports innovation in advanced materials by working in collaboration with industry partners to develop new applications of graphene and other 2D materials.

The GEIC is a hub of research and commercialisation activities, bringing together early-stage, high-growth companies with large corporates and multinationals to design, develop and scale the next generation of advanced materials products and processes.





# BENEFITS OF THE RENOLD INNOVATION HUB

## A LIKE-MINDED COMMUNITY OF EARLY-STAGE BUSINESSES

Work alongside, collaborate and learn from the experiences of other forward-thinking entrepreneurs, start-ups and spin-outs who are co-located at Renold.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Participate in events and activities for local communities and give back to our neighbours and people across Manchester, helping us make inclusive innovation a reality.

## TAILORED TRAINING, EVENTS AND BUSINESS GROWTH SUPPORT

Benefit from specialised training and mentorship support, get access to industry experts, investors and funders, and take part in a range of in-house events, all tailored to where you are in your growth journey.

## COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Build relationships, create new partnerships and collaborate with Sister’s wide network of science and technology businesses and industry partners.







# ECOSYSTEM PARTNERS

## The spectrum of partners within the Sister ecosystem reaches far and wide.

The University of Manchester works with businesses of all sizes, not-for-profit organisations, and regional and national government. Its collaborations range from local civic engagement partnerships to corporate partnerships with the likes of AstraZeneca and Siemens, and pioneering collaborations across the globe, from Melbourne to Hong Kong to Toronto.

Bruntwood SciTech works in partnership with a number of UK city councils, universities and NHS Trusts to grow the UK knowledge economy. It has an extensive network of clinical, academic and public partners, as well as finance, talent and markets partners, and supports a sector-specialist community of more than 1,100 companies through its portfolio of workspaces.

Sister partners across business, academia and government include:







# WORKSPACES

A place to forge connections with like-minded innovators



Coworking desks with tier-based pricing depending on your growth stage



On-site cafe



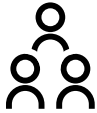
Meeting rooms



Flexible event space from 50-300+ people



Private serviced offices



Break out spaces



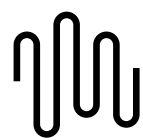
Shared kitchen



High speed internet connectivity







# EVENTS SPACE

Renold offers flexible, characterful spaces designed for conferences, launches and creative gatherings



Flexible event space from 50-300+ people



Tea, coffee and water provided



Select from our list of preferred suppliers



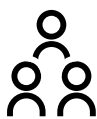
Around the corner from Manchester Piccadilly train station



Monday - Friday  
8.00 - 17:00  
Please enquire for out-of-hours events



AV support & complimentary Wi-Fi



Break out spaces



Limited parking available for event organisers







# GET IN TOUCH

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