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Professor Karen Salt specializes in collective governance, systems transformation and sustainable change. She is Professor of Culture, Place and

Communities at Manchester Metropolitan University where she focuses on place-based research and ethical partnerships between universities and communities. As a sector leader and trained sociologist, Salt brings her leadership and methodological creativity to MMU.

Her current and past projects involve a mix of community-embedded or community-led research teams and embody her commitment to re-imagining who can engage in research and contribute to knowledge-production.

Salt is a former member of the Arts and Humanities Research Council's Advisory Board, and the Economic and Social Research Council's Peer Review College, and an active reviewer for

such funders as the Arts and Humanities Research Council, the European Research Council and Leverhulme Trust. She sits on Advisory Boards of the UK Research and Innovation Centre for Doctoral Training in Citizen-Centred AI and the Community Research Networks programme.

Outside of academia, she is a Trustee of the Williamson Trust, a charity that promotes the health of individuals, through supporting healthy environments, healthy communities and healthy foods. One of its initiatives is a joint funding programme for community-led projects with the Royal Society of Edinburgh. She is also a Trustee of Brixton House Theatre. She is an avid reader and advocate for the power of libraries.

With over 30 years of experience in community development, inclusive policy-making and novel solutions, Salt continues to work closely with leaders across Government, academia, civil society and industry.

