

DAY TWO VENTURE CAFÉ

The activities for the evening of Day Two are co-organised by Venture Café, an initiative aimed at connecting innovators across the North West of England and further afield. There will be an exhibition of work from the University of Salford & the keynote talk. Refreshments are provided by Venture Café.

Keynote

RICARDO SOSA-MEJIA

A Senior Associate & Project Leader, Heatherwick Studio. Ricardo Sosa-Mejia is a London-based design leader with nearly two decades of experience shaping cultural, workplace, education, and public realm projects. As a Senior Associate at Heatherwick Studio, he leads major global projects and drives the studio's future talent strategy through strategic partnerships. His previous roles at Zaha Hadid Architects and Laing O'Rourke strengthened his expertise in design innovation and manufacturing technologies. Ricardo is an inclusive leader whose curiosity fosters collaboration and enriches how people experience spaces.

Keynote Title

EVERYWHERE, EVERYTHING, EVERYONE

A talk that will introduce Heatherwick Studio and share 3 reflections that illustrate the core beliefs, design approach, and the impact the Studio aims to have: Founded by Thomas Heatherwick, 'Heatherwick Studio' is a team of over 260 problem solvers dedicated to making the physical world around us better for everyone. Based out of its combined workshop and design studios in London and Shanghai, it aims to create buildings, spaces, objects and infrastructure. It seeks a world where the buildings and places around us are radically more joyful, engaging and human. The team of architects, designers, makers, engineers and landscape architects share a motivation to design soulful and impactful places, which celebrate the complexities of the real world.

Thursday 18th June. 5-8pm.

Where: Sister - Renold Building, 32a Altrincham St, Manchester, M1 7JR