

Wage and Employment Dynamics

Research Development Workshops

21 November 2022, Sheffield: University of Sheffield
2 December 2022, London: Bank of England

Background

The [Wage and Employment Dynamics](#) project (WED) an 'enriched' version of the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings ([ASHE](#)), as well as linking this to the Census 2011 ([ASHE-Census2011](#)). These datasets are now available for researchers to use through the Office for National Statistics Secure Research Service ([SRS](#)). Future datasets from the same project will include links from ASHE to HMRC datasets (employment and self-employed earnings, and migration data).

WED was funded by the [ESRC](#) through Administrative Data Research UK ([ADR UK](#)). ESRC is keen to maximise its investment in these datasets, particularly in policy-relevant research. It is running Fellowship and PhD programmes targeted at use of the ADR UK datasets; there are also ongoing research funding opportunities (such as the [Secondary Data Analysis Initiative](#) (SDAI) and the ESRC policy fellowships – UKRI), which would be suitable vehicles to seek funding for research on these datasets.

Workshop aims

The aim of the workshops is to bring academics and policymakers together to explore potential research areas of interest using the new WED datasets. Through exercises and facilitated discussions, the aim is to stimulate research ideas and identify areas of common interest between attendees. The discussion groups will also seek to identify potential funding routes for different types of research project.

Who is behind the workshop?

The workshop is a collaboration between WED, Economic Statistics Centre of Excellence (ESCoE: www.escoe.ac.uk), ADR UK and the Office for National Statistics, with support from the Department of Work and Pensions, the Low Pay Commission and the Bank of England.

Who should attend

We expect the workshop to be attended by a roughly equal mix of researchers (in academia, government, or the third or private sectors) and 'policymakers' (including government analysts in policy areas). Specifically, this workshop should be of interest to

- *Researchers* who have (or would like to develop) an interest in applied labour market analysis in the UK
- *Researchers* familiar with the ASHE or Census data looking to explore new research areas
- *Academics* looking for potential PhD projects
- *Policymakers* with specific questions not currently (or obviously) addressed by existing research

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- *Policymakers* wishing to explore the potential for research collaborations in their areas of research interest

We strongly encourage participation by PhD students and early-career researchers.

Activities

The workshop will be mainly activity based. The provisional schedule is:

- 30 minutes: introductions over refreshments
- 45 minutes: presentations by WED, ESRC; introductions to the policy departments
- 1 hour 45 minutes: facilitated discussions and activities, seeking specific actions to develop networks, research plans and/or funding proposals.
- 30 minutes: sharing and review of outcomes; identification of further actions to support those outcomes
- 45 minutes-1 hour: closing refreshments

Materials detailing government departments' research and policy interests will be sent out in advance, to stimulate questions and ideas.

Timing

The workshops will be held as follows

Location	SHEFFIELD: University of Sheffield, Inox, Level 5, Students' Union Building Durham Road, Sheffield S10 2TG *	LONDON: Bank of England, Threadneedle Street, London, EC2R 8AH
Date	21 st November	2 nd December
Arrival	9.00 – 9.30 (tea/coffee)	9.00 – 9.30 (tea/coffee)
Presentations	9.30 – 10.15	9.30 – 10.15
Working groups	10.15 – 12.00	10.15 – 12.00
Review of proposals/wrap-up	12.00 – 12.30	12.00 – 12.30
Finish	12.30 – 1.30 (lunch)	12.30 – 1.30 (lunch)

*Sheffield: There is no car parking at Inox - for the closest car parking please follow the link <http://www.q-park.co.uk/parking/sheffield/q-park-durham-road> - This is paid parking.

The timing of the events is partially driven by ESRC funding timetables, to allow bids to be developed for the ADR UK Fellows call - application closing date 24th of January. However, some funding streams are ongoing throughout 2023, giving participants further time to develop alternative funding bids.

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Registration

To register visit [here](#) for the Sheffield workshop (closing date midday 11 November 2022) and [here](#) for the London workshop (closing date midday 16 November 2022).

There is no fee for attending. Registration is required to allow planning for catering, registering with security and in case of over-subscription. Each event will be limited to a maximum of 30 participants. Delegates will receive confirmation of their place at least seven days in advance of the event. If oversubscribed, delegates who were unable to attend will be sent a summary report and invited to any future events.

Contact details

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