

Understanding Labour Markets through administrative data (CEP – ADR UK Workshop)

Using administrative data to understand the role of skills, firms and places in determining labour market outcomes of young people.

Friday 28 November 2025. Room SAL.1.04, 32 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 2AE

9:00 Welcome and introduction

09:10 Session 1 (Chair: Guglielmo Ventura)

The Decline of Routine Tasks, Education Investments, and Intergenerational Mobility
Kjell Salvanes (Norwegian School of Economics)

The Labor Demand Implications of Brand Capital: Insights from Trademark Transactions in Italy
Jaime Arellano-Bover (Yale University)

10:20 Coffee break

10:35 Session 2 (Chair: Mimosa Distefano)

Social Skills and the Individual Wage Growth of Less Educated Workers
Richard Blundell (University College London & IFS)

Labor Market Entry Conditions and Occupational Mismatch: Evidence from Apprenticeship Graduates
Dita Eckardt (University of Warwick)

Field of Study and Future Fertility
Gregory Veramendi (Royal Holloway)

12:20 Lunch

13:20 Session 3 (Chair: Lola Brookes)

Business Taxes, Worker Reallocation, and the Disruption of Worker Careers
Mimosa Distefano (Centre for Economic Performance, LSE)

Mapping Inclusive Pathways into STEM Careers
Golo Henseke (University College London)

Understanding the link between education and labour market trajectories: the role of skills, firm sorting and job-to-job mobility
Guglielmo Ventura (Centre for Economic Performance, LSE)

15:10 Coffee break

15:30 Panel Discussion

Understanding young people's labour market transition and careers. Potential for research with administrative data

Richard Blundell (UCL & IFS), **Alex Collinson** (Trades Union Congress), **Becci Newton** (Institute for Employment Studies), **Anna Round** (Youth Futures Foundation),
Chair: **Sandra McNally**

16:30 Concluding remarks

Panel Discussion: Understanding young people's labour market transition and careers. Potential for research with administrative data.

This discussion will enable data users and experts to share their views about the potential of linked administrative data for research and evaluation of labour market policies and interventions, with a specific focus on young people and the challenges they face during the school-to-work transition and early working lives. Panellists will bring their own professional perspectives to bear on questions, including: *What are the advantages and limitations of using administrative data for research? What further improvements would you like to see?*

Our panel speakers



Professor Sir Richard Blundell, CBE FBA holds the David Ricardo Chair of Political Economy at University College London where he was appointed Professor of Economics in 1984. He was the founding Director of the ESRC Centre for the Microeconomic Analysis of Public Policy (CPP) at the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) where he was Research Director 1986 – 2016, he is currently Co-Director and Senior Research Fellow at IFS CPP. His research covers a wide range of topics including earnings and employment dynamics and has appeared in top academic journals.



Alex Collinson is a research and analysis lead at the Trades Union Congress (TUC). He specialises in labour market, pay and household finances. The TUC brings together 47 member unions representing over 5.5 million working people in England and Wales. It supports trade unions' activities and advocate for policies in workers' interest.



Professor Sandra McNally is Professor of Economics at University of Surrey and Director of the Education Programme at the Centre for Economic Performance at the London School of Economics. She has directed the Centre for Vocational Education Research (CVER), an LSE-led consortium, funded by the Department for Education (2015-2020). She is a co-editor of the Economics of Education Review and a member of research networks: CESifo, RFBerlin and IZA.



Becci Newton is Director of Public Policy Research at the Institute for Employment Studies (IES), an independent apolitical applied research centre. She is recognised for her expertise on young people's transitions, further/technical education and apprenticeship, adult skills provision and worklessness, health and welfare-to-work. She oversees a policy research portfolio at IES which spans education and life chances, employment quality, career trajectories and work and health.



Anna Round is Head of Research and Impact at the Youth Futures Foundation, which is the national 'What Works Centre' for youth employment, with a specific focus on marginalised young people. They find and generate high-quality evidence to better understand Britain's youth unemployment and inactivity challenge, and to learn what solutions work to address this.

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ADR UK Flagship datasets

Flagship administrative datasets that can be used to study youth labour markets:

Longitudinal Education Outcomes (LEO) – England

The LEO database has been developed by the Department for Education (DfE) to study the education pathways and longer-term labour market outcomes of (currently) around 38 million individuals who attended school or college in England.

The database includes the National Pupil Database school and early years data, Higher Education Statistics Agency data, Individual Learner Record data for colleges and apprenticeships, and HMRC and DWP data on earnings, benefits and tax data.

Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) linked to 2011 Census

ASHE is the most comprehensive source of information on the level of pay and number of paid hours for employees in the UK. The information is collected for a subsample of workers and directly reported by their employers. ASHE contains de-identified personal information such as age and gender. It is linked with the 2011 Census which provides additional personal information such as education, qualifications, country of birth as well as family information.

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