



Local Area Research + Intelligence Association

LARIA Regional reps

As restrictions gradually ease, hope springs eternal that the near future will signal the return of LARIA conferences and the opportunity to network with colleagues from around the country. For me (and others I hope!), the two LARIA annual conferences were a highlight of the conference season, and now I sit on the LARIA Council, I now realise the importance of these conferences to LARIA as well. However, it seems likely that, for many colleagues and organisations, the thought of travelling across the country will be a step too far, and understandably so. Of course, the irony of this is that now, more than ever, we should be sharing our work, learning from each other and collaborating to find answers to the huge issues that face local government as we navigate out of COVID.

The switch to on-line content and meetings, in an attempt to replicate conferences and events, has proved to be one of the best responses during this pandemic. LARIA's successful webinar series showed us that members remain interested in the work of others and remain keen to share good practice. If anything, removing the time and expense involved in travelling to a central venue has opened up our content to a wider audience.

And this is where regional groups come up!

The quality of content and presenters at our recent [Spring Webinar Series](#) was as excellent as ever, but our national events can never fully address the local issues faced within our eleven regions. This, combined with the uncertainty about national travel, presents an opportunity for regional groups to come to the fore. Even when (hopefully!) national events return in person, there are obvious benefits to a LARIA

structure that includes active regional groups that can link neighbours together, focus on local issues and develop collaborations to research and tackle these issues.

In some regions (Scotland, the North East and the East of England in particular), such activity already exists, but we want to see that replicated in more of our regions. This will include working with partner research organisations who also operate on a regional basis.

So, this a plea for you, our LARIA members, who are active in their regions, or keen to get involved, and would be willing to volunteer some of their time to join an already-established regional group in their area, or develop a new regional group in their area. We are re-drafting the specification of the Regional Representative Role, but this process would benefit greatly from Members' contributions. What would you want from a regional group? Let us know!

We are all ears for any input or suggestions from you. And, as always, we would welcome any offers of help from members willing to volunteer. Please email admin@laria.org.uk with your suggestions or contact [Juliet Whitworth](#) or [Duncan Mackenzie](#) if you want to speak to a Council member.

News

CACI

The market for Electric Vehicles is growing consistently and organisations need to embrace this change to understand the new consumer mindset.

There are undoubtedly some differing perceptions about EV usage and many still



see considerable barriers to adoption. In this report, CACI look at how differing attitudes towards EV will likely drive EV adoption in the next few years across three core consumer groups. We highlight how to address the different attitudes towards EV ownership and, through tailored marketing and messaging, the industry can bridge the “information gap” that appears to exist around the perceived advantages and disadvantages. Finally, we look at how rising EV adoption will provide opportunities for all sectors of the economy.

[CACI analysis of consumer perceptions on EV'S](#)

The role of UPRNs in delivering health and social care



GeoPlace has published a new video to illustrate how local authorities have used UPRNs to respond to COVID-19 and protect vulnerable people.

See the [video and report](#).

Coronavirus Question Bank



ONS have just launched a Coronavirus Question Bank which is available on the GSS [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) harmonisation guidance](#) webpage.

The Coronavirus question bank has been developed using a number of ONS Surveys and has been produced to:

1. Provide a list of questions to be used in other surveys to support with harmonisation and questionnaire development.
2. Provide users with an understanding of what data ONS has in relation to coronavirus pandemic.

This will be updated on a monthly basis to include the latest questions and to add in any further surveys.

Health and Care Intelligence Specialist Apprenticeship

A new professional development opportunity

Update on progress as at September 2021

- **Introduction**

This is an Apprenticeship at senior level (Level 7 / Masters Level) – aimed at developing professionals who can manage, and lead on, health and care intelligence within their group or organisation.

Please see “[Introduction to the Health and Care Intelligence Specialist Apprenticeship](#)” for the background to this development and further information on the Apprenticeship. This can be found on the Health Statistics User Group webpage within StatsUserNet www.statsusernet.org.uk

Potential apprentices need to be employed, or apply for an apprenticeship, with a levy paying employer. The employer will have a contract with one of the apprenticeship training providers, although the apprentice may still need to register formally with the training provider.

- **Recent Developments**

The launch of the Health and Care Intelligence Specialist Apprenticeship has been delayed because of the pandemic, but it is now moving ahead again. Two of the providers (University of Cambridge and University of Durham) are expecting to be ready to deliver the standard from next year. They expect to start to recruit next spring so that they can run the first cohort from autumn 2022.

If you have colleagues that are interested in undertaking this apprenticeship then they can register their interest, in advance of formal registration with:

- [The University of Cambridge](#) (click on the Get InTouch button)
- The University of Durham at apprenticeships.admin@durham.ac.uk

For other queries regarding the Apprenticeships, please e-mail John.Battersby@phe.gov.uk

Transforming Working Lives Call



Our aim is to fund a series of innovative and novel research projects looking at two overarching themes: managing working transitions and power and voice in a changing world of work. Please see our [website for further information](#) about the call.

Information on the review process can be found below. Please circulate this across your networks and advise interested persons to contact jessica.tait@esrc.ukri.org and the twl@esrc.ukri.org inbox for more information and to express interest.

Activities and Workload

This role would include reviewing proposals submitted under the scheme. We are expecting a high volume of applications to this call so it is likely that each peer reviewer will receive approximately 5-6 proposals to assess. We will ask reviewers to provide comments relating to specific criteria and score each proposal between 1-10. Full peer review guidance will be provided to guide reviewers through the process.

Timings

We expect to send proposals to reviewers for peer review in mid/late October 2021 and they will have 4 weeks to review their allocation.

Conflicts of Interest

Please highlight in your reply if you intend to be involved in any proposals being submitted to this call, or if you have any recent collaborators who you know will be applying.

Please note that the closing date for applications has not yet passed (closes 30th September 2021). As such we do not have full details of the applications that will be submitted at this time.

Jobs

Cambridge Econometrics



Consultant (Economic Modelling) Cambridge

Econometrics are seeking a collaborative and resourceful consultant with quantitative research and economic modelling skills to join our *Society Team* in Cambridge, developing and delivering consultancy projects to help our clients meet their policy and strategy needs.

See: [Job description](#)

Closing date: 27th September 2021

Consultant (Economics / Policy Analysis) Cambridge Econometrics are seeking a collaborative and resourceful consultant with policy research skills to join our *Society Team* in Cambridge, developing and delivering consultancy projects to help our clients meet their policy and strategy needs.

See: [Job description](#)

Closing date: 27th September 2021

Managing Consultant / Project Manager, public policy and local economy

We are seeking a collaborative and resourceful consultant to lead our research and manage our clients in the fields of [social policy and local economic](#)

[development](#), and based in Cambridge, UK. Your achievements will contribute to the commercial success of the team and the business.

See: [Job description](#)

Closing date: 27th September 2021

To apply and for further vacancies please see the [Cambridge Econometrics](#) website.

Webinars

UK Data Service Introductory Training Series: Autumn 2021



The UK Data Service provides access to a wide range of social science data for re-use. To help you get the most from the Service, we run free introductory level training events every spring and autumn to introduce different aspects of the UK Data Service.

See below for [these events in autumn 2021](#) and see [our events pages](#) for a full list of our training events.

- Webinar: Introduction to the UK Data Service 5 October, 10.00 - 11.30
- Webinar: Finding and accessing data from the UK Data Service 7 October, 10.00 - 11.30
- Online workshop: Dissertation projects: Introduction to secondary analysis for qualitative and quantitative data 12 October, 10.00 - 11.30
- Online workshop: Data in the spotlight: Large scale social surveys 14 October, 10.00 - 11.30
- Online workshop: How to anonymise qualitative and quantitative data 18 October, 11.00 - 12.30

- Online workshop: Data management basics: Introduction to data management and sharing 21 October, 11.00 - 12.30
- Online workshop: Data management basics: Ethical and legal issues in data sharing 22 October, 10.00 - 11.30
- Online workshop: Depositing your data with ReShare 4 November, 11.00 - 12.30
- Online workshop: Consent issues in data sharing 5 November, 10.00 - 11.30
- Online workshop: How to become a computational social scientist 9 November, 10.00 - 11.30
- Online workshop: Getting started with secondary analysis 15 November, 10.00 - 11.30
- Online workshop: Data in the spotlight: Census and population studies 18 November, 10.00 - 11.30
- Online workshop: Data in the spotlight: Longitudinal data 30 November 10.00 - 11.30
- Online workshop: Data in the spotlight: Qualitative and mixed methods data 2 December, 10.00 - 11.30
- Online workshop: Data in the spotlight: International time series databanks 8 December, 10.00 - 11.30

See [the news item for links to the individual events](#).

Mental Health and Social care: Research findings informing practice & policy

The 8th annual CPD certified conference from Making Research Count and the Health & Social Care Workforce Research Unit at King's College London on:
Mental Health and Social care: Research findings informing practice & policy



WEBINAR: Thursday 7 October 2021 via Zoom 10:00am - 12:00pm

For more information and to book your place, please see the [Eventbrite booking page](#).

**Statistical Methods for Covid-19:
Webinar Series Organised by RSS Official Statistics Section
in collaboration with the Health Statistics User Group**

**Webinar on long COVID – Tuesday 12th October
12:00 to 13:30**

The RSS Official Statistics Section, in collaboration with the Health Statistics User Group (HSUG), has been running a series of webinars on statistical methods for COVID-19, aimed at sharing experiences and approaches across the UK. This series of webinars focuses on statistical methods in relation to COVID 19 statistics. At each webinar we aim to share experiences across the 4 Nations.

Previous webinars have looked at different areas of COVID 19 statistics - including infection rates, modelling and vaccinations. The material from these webinars is available on the HSUG web page within StatsUserNet, including the presentations, a meeting report, and a summary of the Q&A session. with key links to information provided by speakers and other participants. Please see www.hsug.org.uk for advice on how to access the information on the HSUG webpage.

The next webinar, which is the sixth in the series, will be on Tuesday 12th October and will focus on methods and approaches for long COVID statistics.

Speakers include:

- **Daniel Ayoubkhani** - Head of Health Modelling Hub at ONS - Prevalence of self-reported long COVID using the UK COVID-19 Infection Survey

- **Matt Mayhew** - Senior Statistical Officer / Policy Evidence and Analysis Team at ONS - The social impacts of 'long COVID' on people's lives in Great Britain using the Opinions and Lifestyle Survey
- **Mina Mahmoudzadeh** - DHSC (Department of Health and Social Care)
- **David Lowe and Claire Hastie** (University of Glasgow). They will present the approach being used in their studies of long COVID, with some early descriptive results.
- **Public Health Scotland** (speaker to be confirmed)

[Registration](#) for this webinar is now open.

A recording of the webinar will be available after the event for a limited period.

Monitoring the COVID 19 Pandemic - Friday 12th November 2021

The next webinar in the series will be on Friday 12th November and will focus on: Monitoring the COVID 19 Pandemic – Challenges and Lessons Learned.

There will be speakers from Public Health England, Public Health Scotland, Welsh Government and OSR (Office for Statistics Regulation). Further information and registration details will be circulated when these are available, and also posted on the [RSS](#) and [HSUG](#) websites.

OSR (Office for Statistics Regulation)

OSR (Office for Statistics Regulation) is hosting a public event on **Wednesday 13th October at 5:30pm** – and invite you (all) to come along if you wish to do so.

The background to the event is that we are publishing a few pieces of work over the next month about, or with a focus on, COVID-19 statistics – for example the annual casework report and then a COVID-19 lessons learned report.

We're looking to reach a broad audience and thought that an introductory event about OSR, with a focus on the work we have done on COVID-19 statistics during the pandemic, would be a nice way to reach out to the general public, raise awareness of this work and practice what we preach on public engagement.

The format of the event will be some short talks about OSR, our COVID-19 casework and the lessons learned review, and then plenty of time for Q&A. This is the first time we've done something like this so it's very exciting and I'm sure we will learn a lot!

We'll be promoting the event on our social media channels over the next few weeks, let me know if you have any questions or want more info.

Please register via the [Eventbrite page](#) to sign up.

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Your LARIA Corporate Membership entitles you to submit content to the monthly LARIA newsletter, if you have any research, events, job adverts, resources or news which you would us to include please send it to admin@laria.org.uk.

The next newsletter submission deadline is **Monday 18th October 2021**.

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