



Local Area Research + Intelligence Association

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LARIA in Scotland

In March the Scottish Government published its updated Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan. The document emphasises the importance of effective use of evidence to help tackle child poverty. This is especially true given the declining resources available across the sector.

Local government has a central role to play, recognising that we need more locally-led, joined-up, and evidence-informed action on child poverty. In the wake of the pandemic, and with an escalating cost of living crisis, this is more important than ever.

What will be Covered?

In support of Challenge Poverty Week, LARIA in Scotland invites you to this workshop to explore how evidence – be it in the form of research, data or intelligence – can support in tackling child poverty.

Our aim is to understand how we can improve the use of evidence and identify opportunities for new and strengthened collaborations to support this. We will also explore how we can develop the capacities required to support these efforts and share good practice in this space.

Before spending time in discussion, will hear examples of recent work including:

How the use of powerful datasets, including commercial and publicly available data, can provide insights that enable Local Authorities to track, understand and address the needs arising at a local level.

Hanna McCulloch (Improvement Service) on recently developed recommendations for improving the use of data and intelligence in remote, rural and island authorities.

Dr Rachel Shanks (University of Aberdeen) on recent research on school clothing grants and how school uniform policy could help reduce the cost of the school day.

We will then break into groups to explore what more effective use of evidence might look like, discuss how we can work together going forward, and identify what further support may be needed.

Who is it for?

The webinar is for anyone working with evidence relevant to tackling child poverty, with a particular focus on local government related work, including:

- Policy professionals
- Practitioners
- Researchers
- Data analysts

If you are interested in how we can better use evidence to address the challenges local government faces, then this webinar is for you.

Opportunities identified at this workshop will inform follow-on engagement activities led by LARIA Scotland.

Data collection note: Information collected will be stored and used by LARIA in Scotland to develop and share future events. If you would like to be added to our mailing list please select that option.

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News

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

On 15 July, DLUHC launched a formal statistical user consultation on the [English Indices of Deprivation](#), one of the most viewed and drawn on data resources for local area insight.

Plans for any future publications are yet to be announced. However, the **Indices Futures** consultation seeks to draw in views and feedback from all users of the **IoD** to help shape any future release – from its methodology and data sources to the suite of outputs and resources

The consultation will be live until 23 September 2022 and users can respond directly via the survey embedded in webpage above

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the departments ongoing work in this area do just let us know – Indices.Deprivation@levellingup.gov.uk

Courses, Training Events and Webinars

Kings College London

Gambling: Money and Mental Health

We are pleased to announce the next in our series of Research on Gambling Harms Webinars.

The next event will take place on Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 13:00:

Gambling harms: connections between money and mental health.

While gambling can be an enjoyable activity for many, people with mental health problems can be particularly vulnerable to gambling harms. Chris Lees will talk about Money and Mental Health's research on the connections between mental health and gambling.

He will also outline the two-year project Money and Mental Health ran with financial service providers, exploring how firms can best support their customers and help to reduce gambling-related harm.

Chris Lees is Research Officer at the [Money and Mental Health Policy Institute](#), a research and policy charity committed to breaking the link between mental health problems and financial difficulty. Chris works on research projects exploring this link, with a particular focus on essential services. This has included Money and Mental Health's work on gambling, such as the [A Safer Bet](#) report, a [best practice guide for banks and building societies](#) and the [Raising the stakes](#) policy note. Chris

works closely with the Money and Mental Health Research Community, a group of over 4,500 people with lived experience of mental health problems. As Money and Mental Health does not provide support or advice to individuals, Chris won't be able to answer questions on specific scenarios.

Please feel free to share details of this event with anyone you feel might be interested.

Book your place via the Eventbrite page: [Register](#)

[Event Flyer](#)

Webinar Series Organised by RSS Official Statistics Section in collaboration with the Health Statistics User Group

User engagement for Health and Care Statistics

Monday 3 October 12:00 to 13:30

Tuesday 15 November 12:00 to 13:30

The next two webinars in this series will aim to provide a 'User Perspective' on access to data and user engagement as a follow up to the webinar on Improving User Access to Health and Care Statistics that was held on 21st June.

The overall aim of the two webinars will be to present current user engagement initiatives in relation to health and care statistics, from both the user and the provider perspectives.

As we recover and rebuild our nations, we have an opportunity to "reset" our services, products and collaborations to ensure we design and build inclusive,

equitable and diverse outputs which support improved outcomes for citizens and communities. In building back fairer services, users should be at the heart of all we do. In order to do this, we need to ensure that user engagement activities are inclusive and complementary, and that we are able to interpret and share the different views that may be gathered during these activities.

To register for these webinars, please go to the [RSS website](#).

For further details about both webinars please see the [Event Flyer](#)

The [Eastern Arc Conference 2022](#) is now open for registration.

With a focus on 'the collaborative coast', it will hear from a range of academics, researchers and external stakeholders about projects that have addressed common issues along our coast and coastal communities in the [broad thematic priorities of Eastern Arc](#).

Sessions will include:

- A new vision for our coast (keynote from Prof Jules Pretty OBE, Essex)
- Art and culture as a driver in place-making and levelling up
- Localising human rights
- Place-based approaches to health and wellbeing
- Sustainable coastal ecosystems and opportunities for regional development
- Improving mental health and wellbeing in seldom heard communities
- Governing offshore wind developments in the East of England
- The coastal health deficit: Building on the Whitty Report (with a pre-recorded video address to the conference from Prof Chris Whitty)

The full draft programme, with abstracts, is available online: [Programme](#).

The event is free and open to all, but places are limited, so do register as soon as possible: [Register](#)

Jobs

To submit a job advert to appear in the newsletter or on the LARIA website, please download and complete this [form](#) (Full Corporate and Corporate Members only). You can also post Job Vacancies on the Jobs Board in the LARIA [Members' Area](#).

The next newsletter submission deadline is [Thursday 22nd September](#).

GeoPlace: Data Integration Officer

GeoPlace is looking for an experienced individual to act as the key point of contact for local authorities and software suppliers

wanting to utilise or integrate address and

street data. The role holder will be responsible for supporting these communities through establishing best practice, creating practical tools and authoring digital content and resources. The role also includes responsibility for the day-to-day running and operation of GeoPlace's FindMyAddress website.



For more information, please see the [Job Advert](#)

Powys County Council

Job Title: Performance and Evaluation Officer

Job Location: Llandrindod Wells / Flexible

Salary: Grade 10 Point 27 to Point 29 £31,894 to £33,486 per annum £16.5318 to £17.3565 per hour

Contract Type: Permanent

Hours: 37

Application Deadline: 04/09/2022

Job Description: To provide performance and evaluation expertise and capacity to support the Powys Regional Partnership Board (RPB) and its key partners to deliver on key pieces of work with the overall aim of supporting the RPB to better understand the impact of its key programme and projects to inform planning and decision making.

Please see the [Job Advert](#) for more information and to apply.

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