

WPEG PROGRAMME ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

DAY and TIME LOCATION

Monday 30th July

10.00-12.00	Registration/check in		The Edge - Hub
12.00-13.00	Lunch		The Edge - Bar Area
13.00-13.40	Event Introduction	Karl Taylor (Sheffield, WPEG Organiser) Welcome and General Information Helen Oginsky (DWP, WPEG Organiser) "DWP and the external research community, key developments in the last year and main priorities going forward" Natalie Day (Sheffield, SSPIKE)	High Tor 2
13.40-15.10	Session A1	<u>Labour Markets: Sub-national</u> Josh Snelders (DWP) "Assessing local labour market flexibility and resilience" David Morris (Nottingham) "Do regional skills shortages impact firm productivity? Evidence from the UK" Stuart Mackay and Ryan Dunn (DWP) "Development of interactive analytical tools to support decision-making" Panos Nanos (Sheffield) "Search across local labour markets" Discussion Chair: Jake McDonald (DWP)	High Tor 2
	Session A2	<u>Labour Supply</u> Karen Mumford (York) "Labour supply and childcare in two-parent families: Allowing both parents to choose" Matthew Aldrich (UEA) "Who is Parental Leave Poor? Challenges for Inclusive Leave Policies" Shinawat Horayangkura (Sheffield) "Individual and family labour supply in Thailand: A structural discrete hours approach" Discussion Chair: Stu Butler (DWP)	High Tor 3
	Session A3	<u>Wellbeing</u> Gillian Wylie (SDS) "Wider impacts of apprenticeships on well-being" Mark Langdon, Caroline Floyd, Rachel Shanahan, Adam Coutts and Zara Harrison (DWP) "Social isolation and health" Michael Nolan (Hull) " Education, income and happiness: Panel evidence for the UK" Tanya Wilson (Stirling) "Long-run health and mortality effects of exposure to universal health care at birth" Discussion Chair: Chris Anderson (DWP)	High Tor 4
15.10-15.40	Tea		The Edge - Bar Area
15.00-16.30	Room Check in		Edge

16.30-18.00	Session B1	<u>Fuller Working Lives</u> Helen Gray (IES) "Do older workers affect economic performance" David Wilkinson (UCL, IOE) "Skill mismatch among older workers and workplace performance in Britain" Damon Morris (Sheffield) "The labour market outcomes of older versus younger apprentices: A comparison of earnings differentials" Karen Hancock (Loughborough University) "Healthier ageing: Increasing physical activity among older people – a behavioural economics perspective" Discussion Chair: Tom Younger (DWP)	High Tor 2
	Session B2	<u>Labour Market Gender Gaps</u> Carl Singleton (Edinburgh) "Who works for whom and the UK gender pay gap" Heather Joshi (UCL, IOE) "The gender gap in wages over the life course: evidence from a cohort born in 1958" Andrea Lee (DWP) "Implications for DWP progression, adequacy and pensions policy" Discussion Chair: Sofia Poni (DWP)	High Tor 3
	Session B3	<u>Disability and Employment</u> Duncan McVicar (Queens University Belfast) "Reducing the generosity and increasing the conditionality of welfare benefits for people with disability: Turning the super-tanker or squeezing the balloon?" Gordan Pal and Imogen Butcher (DfE, DWP) "Evaluating voluntary programmes for disabled people" Anne Devlin (Queens University Belfast) "Why is work-limiting disability in Northern Ireland so high?" Discussion Chair: Paul Mooney (DWP)	High Tor 4
18.45-21.30	Conference Meal		The Edge - Dining Room
21.30-23.59	Bar		The Edge - Bar Area

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Tuesday 31st July

07.30-09.00	Breakfast		The Edge - Dining Room
09.00-10.30	Session C1	<u>Pensions I</u> Jonathan Cribb (IFS) "The effects of automatic enrolment on employees working for small employers" Sonia Buchholtz (Warsaw School of Economics) "Pension strategies of adult workers in the country with population growing old before getting rich" James Rees (DWP) "Role of analysis in the automatic enrolment policy cycle" Discussion Chair: Laura Webster (DWP)	High Tor 2
	Session C2	<u>Employee Motivation and Reward</u> Robert Simmons (Lancaster) "Are workers rewarded for inconsistent performance?" Bicheng Yang (University of British Columbia) "Incentives from compensation and career movements on work performance: Evidence from a reform of personnel policies" Discussion Chair: Sarah Kissack (DWP)	High Tor 3
	Session C3	<u>Labour Market Progression</u> Getinet Haile (Nottingham) "Organisational accreditation and worker upskilling in Britain" Amanda Langdon and Philip Thomas (DWP) "Building the evidence on in-work progression" Marco Ercolani (Birmingham) "Education surplus, skills mismatch and technology" Discussion Chair: Adrian Richards (DWP)	High Tor 4
10.30-11.00	Coffee		The Edge - Bar Area
11.00-12.30	Session D1	<u>Understanding Unemployment</u> Bert Van Landegham (Sheffield) "Numeracy and unemployment duration" Chris Tucker, Alex Snowsill and Szymon Debski (DWP) "Impact of introducing digital interventions for jobseekers" Amanda Gosling (Kent) "The measurement of unemployment" Discussion Chair: Ellen Flint (DWP)	High Tor 2
	Session D2	<u>Universal Credit</u> Karl Handscomb (DWP) "Universal Credit longer-term labour market effects" Tom Waters (IFS) "The distributional impact of Universal Credit: a long-run perspective" Ramesh Deonarine and James Hurkett (DWP) "Universal Credit business case" Discussion Chair: Joy Thompson (DWP)	High Tor 3

	Session D3	<u>Retirement Needs</u> Luke Barclay (DWP) "Investigating factors that affect financial wellbeing in retirement" David Sturrock (IFS) "Survival pessimism and the demand for annuities" Tom Stewart and Will Shaw (DWP) "Analysis of cold weather payments" Rowena Crawford (IFS) "Should generations differ in their pension accumulation?" Discussion Chair: Tom Younger (DWP)	High Tor 4
12.30-13.30	Lunch		The Edge - Bar Area
13.30-14.30	Plenary	Professor Alex Bryson (UCL, IOE) "Public sector HRM: Does it work?"	High Tor 2
14.30-15.00	Tea		The Edge - Bar Area
15.00-16.30	Session E1	<u>Pensions II</u> Ricky Kanabar (Bath) "Mind the gap! The effect of an increased UK state pension age on expected working life of employees" Anna Ruzik-Sierdzińska (Warsaw School of Economics) "Migration with pension reform expectations" Neil Amin-Smith (IFS) "Individuals' pension intentions in the new era of pensions freedom" Discussion Chair: Laura Webster (DWP)	High Tor 2
	Session E2	<u>Housing and Mobility</u> Ed Ferrari (CRESR) "Connecting housing and labour markets: the role of transport for low income households" Richard Mosley and Sarah Kissack (DWP) "Assessing recent changes in the housing market for low-income families: Affordability and mobility challenges?" Yu Zhu (Dundee) "Elite school designation and house prices: Quasi-experimental evidence from Beijing, China" Discussion Chair: Andrew Parfitt (DWP)	High Tor 3
	Session E3	<u>Education</u> Rhys Davies (Cardiff) "Addressing inequality: The provision of careers guidance in Welsh schools" Stanley Siebert (Birmingham) "Student feedback, parent-teacher communication, and academic performance: Experimental evidence from rural China" Patricio Valdivieso (Aberdeen) "Intergenerational mobility of white working class boys in Britain: A quantitative analysis using UK data" Discussion Chair: Mike Daly (DWP)	High Tor 4