

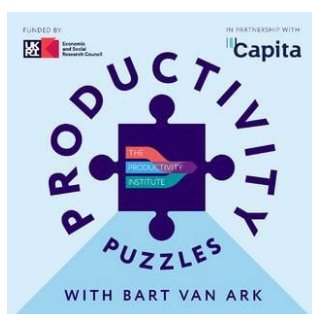


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Levelling Up: our key policy recommendations

Ahead of the publication of the Government's 'Levelling Up' white paper, we've published an insights paper reviewing the current role of institutions and governance structures across English regions in tackling spatial inequality and low productivity. Read the paper and accompanying executive summary by Andrew Westwood, Marianne Sensier and Nicola Pike [on our website](#).



How does a healthy workforce create a healthy business?

Are healthy workers productive workers? And if so, why do companies still struggle to put health and well-being at the centre of good business performance? And how can this be changed? In [our latest podcast episode](#), host Bart van Ark is joined by Sir Cary Cooper, Professor of Organisational Psychology and Health at Alliance Manchester Business School, a world leading expert on workers' health and well-being and President of the Chartered Institute of Personal Development in the UK.



Watch and read evidence from Productivity Commission

The first evidence session for the Productivity Commission can be viewed on [YouTube](#), featuring Maria Belen Zinni from OECD, Louise Hellem from the CBI, Josh Martin from ONS and Paul Swinney from Centre for Cities - discussing the sizing of the UK's productivity

problems. Twenty-one written submissions were also received and can be viewed on the [NIESR website](#). A report will be published in 2022.

Regional Productivity Insights Series

We're releasing a series of insight papers covering our Regional Productivity Forum areas over the coming months. These deep dives into productivity offer an extensive agenda-setting analysis with historic regional context, key issues and future research priorities. They're accompanied by a high-level executive summary, including a scattergraph showing the disparities within regions in comparison with the UK average, the primary drivers and bottlenecks, a SWOT analysis and a look to the future.



Northern Ireland

The paper highlights how Northern Ireland is the poorest performing UK region for productivity, almost 20 per cent below the UK level. Low productivity is identified as central to explaining the region's persistently poor economic performance.

- [Read the paper and executive summary](#)



North West England

The paper highlights the strengths of the region, including its large and very productive manufacturing sector as well as its leading R&D assets, life sciences, energy and digital industries. But it also outlines productivity gaps in the region, identifying the obstacles preventing the North West and its sub regions from gaining ground on UK average productivity levels.

- [Read the paper and executive summary](#)



Scotland

A digital technology skills gap, low rate of business start-ups and adoption of technologies, and low proportion of businesses that export are some of the key factors contributing to Scotland's slowdown in productivity. Innovation stemming from new products and services, and digital adoption is another area where Scotland lags behind.

- [Read the paper and executive summary](#)

Upcoming Events

9 November - 9 December The Oxford Martin School has a range of hybrid events on the subject *Levelling Up regional disparities, inequality and social inclusion* over the coming weeks. Find out more and book to attend on their [website](#).

7 December ProPEL Hub event *Managing digital technology for better performance*. [Book on Eventbrite](#).

16 January Submission deadline for the Economic Statistics Centre of Excellence (ESCoE) annual Conference held 25-27 May 2022. More details on the [ESCoE website](#).

17 February Productivity Commission second evidence session focusing on international best practice. More details on the [NIESR website](#).

TPI Publications

Our Working Papers and Productivity Insight Papers can be [found on our website](#).

- Inward investment and UK productivity [Read](#)
- Understanding productivity: Organisational Capital perspectives [Read](#)
- Climate change and fiscal responsibility [Read](#)
- UK's Industrial Policy: Learning from the past? [Read](#).
- The idea of productivity [Read](#)
- Covid-19 business support and SME productivity in the UK [Read](#)
- Uber And Beyond: Policy Implications for the UK [Read](#)
- Public Investments in COVID-19 green packages [Read](#)
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