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## TPI partners with Be The Business

We're pleased to announce The Productivity Institute has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with [Be The Business](#), the not-for-profit focused on helping UK SMEs improve their productivity. The MOU will help both organisations to build on their existing relationship and co-deliver a series of projects generating new research to better understand and improve productivity in UK small businesses. Find out more on [our website](#).



## Professor Raquel Ortega-Argilés to lead TPI's Productivity Lab

We're delighted to announce that Professor Raquel Ortega-Argilés will be Director of our Productivity Laboratory, which will launch on 1 June. She has also been appointed Chair of Regional Economic Development at Alliance Manchester Business School, where TPI is based. Find out more on [our website](#).



## Productivity Commission: watch the evidence session

You can watch The Productivity Commission's second oral evidence session [on YouTube](#). Panellists Beata Javorcik (Chief Economist, EBRD), Chad Syverson (University of Chicago Booth School of Business), Chiara Criscuolo (OECD) and John Fernald (INSEAD Business School) discuss international best practice on productivity. The third oral evidence session will be on regional

disparities on 17 May - invitations for written submissions will be announced in due course.



## Home and hybrid working and the latest productivity data

Professor Bart van Ark discussed the latest Office for National Statistics productivity data with The Times, with his comments picked up by other newspapers including the Daily Mail, Metro and Express. The comments also led to guest appearances on Nick de Bois' show on talkRADIO and the Mail Plus podcast The Andrew Pierce Show.

- Listen to the [Mail Plus podcast](#) from 17 February (Bart is on from 13:37)
- Read [The Times article](#) (paywall) and [The Daily Mail article](#) (no paywall)



## Productivity in Northern Ireland

Dr. David Jordan is presenting at the Nevin Economic Research Institute on the insights paper he co-authored with Professor John Turner on productivity in Northern Ireland on 16 March. He was also quoted in the Financial Times about productivity in the region.

- Register for the NERI webinar on [their website](#)
- Read *Northern Ireland seeks to fix longstanding productivity problem* on the [Financial Times website](#) (paywall).
- Read *Northern Ireland's Productivity Challenge: Exploring the Issues* [insight paper](#) and [executive summary](#).
- Read the other five reports and summaries written by our Regional Productivity Forums [on our website](#). Reports on London and the South and Yorkshire, Humberside and the North East will be released in the coming months.



## Covid-10 and Productivity: Impact and implications

[A new Occasional Paper](#) on the impact and implications of Covid-19 on productivity by the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR) features contributions from several TPI members.



## Healthcare as social infrastructure

A [new paper](#) by Professor Diane Coyle from the Bennett Institute for Public Policy sheds new light on the performance of the NHS and underlines the role of the health care system in human capital investment and economy-wide productivity.



## Skills and education: FE colleges and regional differences

Professor Bart van Ark presented on how colleges could strengthen business innovation in regional and local communities at ESCoE's human capital workshop. You can catch up on [YouTube](#) (from 34 minutes). The session also features a presentation from TPI's Mary O'Mahony and Augustin de Coulon on *Regional Human Capital Stocks*.



## IPM No. 41 available online

The latest issue of the the [International Productivity Monitor](#), in collaboration with the Centre for the Study of Living Standards, is out now. The objective of the Monitor is to focus attention on the importance of productivity for improving living standards and quality of life. If you do not yet have a free subscription to the IPM, please sign up [on our website](#).

## Upcoming Events

**9 March** Brown Bag seminar (TPI academics only). John Ponquiz.

**10 March** World KLEMS conference, paper deadline. Find out more on the [KLEMS website](#).

**15 March** *Putting Microbusinesses on the Agenda: the View from Policymakers* workshop from ProPEL Hub. [Book on Eventbrite](#).

**16 March** Brown Bag seminar (TPI academics only). Issam Samiri.

**16 March** NERI webinar on Northern Ireland productivity. Register on [NERI website](#).

**23 March** Brown Bag seminar (TPI academics only). Richard Jones & Eoin O'Sullivan.

**23 March** *Workplace Wellbeing and its impact on Productivity* event featuring Cary Cooper. Find out more on the [pro-manchester website](#).

**30 March** Brown Bag seminar (TPI academics only). Manuel Tong & Diane Coyle.

**31 March** Be the Business Festival, Leeds (free). Book on [their website](#).

**6 April** Brown Bag seminar (TPI academics only). Kim Myungun.

**13 April** Brown Bag seminar (TPI academics only). Oleksii Romanko.

## TPI Publications

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

- Do climate policies explain the productivity puzzle? [Read](#)
- 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](#)
- Leveraging the benefits of location decision into performance [Read](#)
- Incentive regulation, productivity growth and environmental effects: the case of electricity networks in Great Britain [Read](#)
- Productivity in UK healthcare during and after the Covid-19 pandemic [Read](#)
- A concerted effort to tackle the productivity puzzle during the post-COVID era [Read](#)
- Human Capital & productivity [Read](#)
- Productivity & the Pandemic [Read](#)
- Productivity Growth and Capital Deepening in the Fourth Industrial Revolution [Read](#)

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