

## University of Manchester Q-Step Summer Project 2016

### Ref: #04 UoMQStep 2016 New Economy GM-NW Economic trends

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**Organisation Name:** New Economy

**Team / Department:** Research

**Address:** Churchgate House, 56 Oxford Street, Manchester, M16EU

**Provisional title for project:** Economic Trends in Greater Manchester and the North West

**100 word abstract of what the project would probably undertake, and any data to be used:**

A student will work with the research team at New Economy and provide support on a number of projects, as well as helping to respond to ad hoc data requests from colleagues. Projects are likely to include:

- **GM Spatial Framework:** GM is developing a joint spatial planning document and the student will work closely with senior analysts to analyse and extract data to help provide the evidence base underpinning the document.
- **North West Economic Snapshot:** Providing key social, economic, and environmental indicators for the North West.
- **GM Societal Review:** Providing a greater understanding of how to achieve inclusive growth for all GM residents.

Each of the projects will involve analysing data at national, regional and sub-regional levels and it may also involve some qualitative analysis where applicable.

**Key words (up to 12):**

Labour markets, economics, statistics, quantitative analysis.

**Essential and desirable skills that the student would need to have:**

**Essential:**

- Positive attitude, work ethic and ability and willingness to learn quickly
- Data analysis skills and experience with quantitative data
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office, especially Excel
- Excellent written English

**Desirable:**

- Some knowledge of labour market, economic and skills issues
- Experience of undertaking presentations
- SPSS

**Where the work would be carried out:**

This role will be based at New Economy's offices in central Manchester. The office hours are 9-5.30, but some flexibility may be negotiable. The role will last for eight weeks.

**Preferred selection method (interview or other meeting):**

Interview in Manchester

**Support and training offered by the organisation:**

The student will be supported by members of the research team and will have a day-to-day contact at New Economy who will be on hand to provide support and guidance throughout the project. Other members of New Economy's research and analysis team will also be available to offer regular support.

New Economy will hold an evaluation meeting with the student at the end of the placement and agree what references etc. will be given, as appropriate.

**Any issues of data confidentiality and/or IPR that would need to be resolved:**

None

**Supporting information:**

The outputs from the analysis are likely to be published and there is the possibility doing internal presentations on the findings to colleagues at New Economy.

**Financial assistance offered by the organisation:**

Unfortunately New Economy is not in a position to offer additional payment to the students.