

University of Manchester Q-Step Summer Project 2016

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Provisional title for project:

State of the North 2016

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

This is the third annual report into the state of the North's economy. In 2014 we analysed how the North has changed over the previous decade. We showed how much variation and there is across the North, and shed light on the complex challenges faced by the region. In 2015 we set out four tests for the Government's Northern Powerhouse.

This year we want to build on this, and look at recent changes and future challenges, by analysing data across themes such as North's economy, society and environment.

This project will make use of published datasets from economic growth and employment to CO2 emissions and transport uptake, to build up a picture, and some clear statistics, of the State of the North in 2016.

Key words (up to 12):

Economy, Environment, Inequality, Regions, Decentralisation

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

Essential:

- Excel basics
- Outlook and word basics
- Ability to work independently and professionally with minimal supervision
- Ability to locate relevant published datasets
- Ability to understand and interpret statistical data

Desirable:

- Familiarity with the Northern Powerhouse and devolution agendas
- Ability to use statistical software
- Ability to produce charts and tables

Where the work would be carried out:

Between our offices in Spinningfields (as above) and the University – depending on desk space.

Preferred selection method (interview or other meeting):

Interview

Support and training offered by the organisation:

As and when needed

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

The intern will be named in the acknowledgement of the report. The IPR will remain with the lead authors (IPPR North staff) unless the contribution warrants their inclusion as an author.

Supporting information:

N/A

Financial assistance offered by the organisation:

N/A