



# Young workers and local economic development strategies in Greater Manchester

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## **Abstract**

This presentation examines the relationship between young workers and the local economic development strategies of the local state in Greater Manchester. The presentation draws on recent research from a local labour market study of Greater Manchester conducted in the period 2014-2018. Young workers have experienced deteriorating labour market conditions following shifts in the form which capitalist accumulation takes in the UK. This shift has altered the composition of the British state which has in turn led to changes in both how the national state regulates local labour markets and the economic strategies of the local state. One result of these changes is the diffusion of neoliberal labour market reforms which have led to negative material consequences for young workers; this is manifest in the expansion of low-waged work concentrated in a small number of sectors, and characterised by an intensified labour process.

## **About the Speaker**

Edward Yates is a lecturer in employment relations at the University of Sheffield, UK. He completed his PhD at the University of Leicester in 2018. Edward's research explores the relationship between processes of political economy, state regulation, employment relations and labour market outcomes. He is especially interested in the behaviour of local labour markets, in particular for young workers.