

# Q-Step Summer Internships 2023

## IPPR – Where next for wages? Investigating real incomes after the cost-of-living crisis

### Organisation and Team

The Centre for Economic Justice at IPPR  
(Institute for Public Policy Research)

### Selection Method

Interview (preferably remote)

### Application Criteria

#### Essential:

- Interest in economic justice and relevant public policy areas
- Ability to work independently
- Good analytical skills
- Proficiency in Excel, Outlook and Word and good analytical skills

#### Desirable:

- Ability to use statistical software to perform basic analysis and to produce charts and tables
- Data visualisation skills
- Good writing skills and ability to explain statistical results clearly

### Project Outline

The successful candidate will be engaged in an analysis and policy research project that seeks to understand the impact of the cost of living (inflation) crisis on wages and salaries across the economy and to develop policy responses to it.

We know that the current inflationary period has resulted in the biggest hit to real wages since records began. This is on the back of 15 years of wage stagnation. Increasing real pay across the economy is an important goal for economic justice.

This work may include topics such as:

- Measures of poverty
- Public and private sector pay settlements
- Universal credit and welfare
- Macroeconomics

The successful candidate will work with a Senior Economist based in our Centre for Economic Justice to produce innovative and fresh analysis to analyse economic trends, assess policy proposals, and evaluate the government's policies and commitments. The research produced will directly contribute to IPPR reports and our media work.



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## Practical Considerations

Ideally the work will be carried out via a mix of online remote work with in-person work in our London office 1-2 days/week. But coming into the office every day or working remotely every day are also feasible.

## Support and Training

Induction and line management support. IPPR also offers various training opportunities to all its staff some of which may be available at the time of the internship.

The successful candidate will be jointly supervised by George Dibb, Head of the Centre for Economic Justice, and Henry Parkes, Senior Economist.

## Supporting Information

IPPR previously hosted successful Q-step internships over the summer in 2021 and 2022. Our 2022 intern even joined us for a meeting in 10 Downing Street!

IPPR is the UK's leading progressive policy think tank, with a major goal of influencing policymakers to achieve economic and environmental justice.