

Data Fellowship Project 2024

IPPR North – State of the North 2025

Organisation and Team

IPPR North

Project Outline

Each year, IPPR North publishes the State of the North report—setting out our view of key socioeconomic challenges for the North and England's regions in each year. It is our most successful, high-profile, and influential research report and has strongly influenced regional policy, especially the Northern Powerhouse and later the levelling up agenda.

Each year we work in partnership with our Q-Step intern to develop the themes, and then plan and undertake the research. Last year, we explored long-term trends in inequalities across wealth, opportunity, health, and power. While provisional, we are initially interested in exploring how the following could be our themes for 2025: local democracy and power, representation, the political power of Gen Z across England's regions, and placed-based fairer economic growth.

Application Criteria

Essential:

- Ability to work to deadlines and prioritise tasks when working as part of a team and independently
- Ability to locate relevant published datasets
- Ability to understand and interpret statistical data
- Familiarity with the devolution and levelling up agendas
- Ability to produce charts and tables

Desirable:

- Experience with policy, media, comms, or politics either through work or volunteering



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Practical Considerations

Hybrid – usually 2 days in our Manchester office and 3 days working from home but we are flexible and will work with applicants on making this work for them.

Selection Method

Interviews on Teams

Support and Training

Induction process.

Shadowing other members of staff including media opportunities, speeches, political events, and strategy/engagement work.

Learn about work of IPPR North, think tanks, and the progressive policy ecosystem.

Internal support network for research & interns.

Supporting Information

Previous State of the North's supported by our Q-Step interns are:

[2024: Charting the course for a decade of renewal](#)

[2023: Looking out to level up](#)

[2021/22: Powering northern excellence](#)

[2019: Divided and connected](#)

[2018: Reprioritising the Northern Powerhouse](#)

[2017: The Millennial Powerhouse](#)

[2016: Building northern resilience in an era of global uncertainty](#)

[2015: Four tests for the northern powerhouse](#)