

Institute for Public Policy Research North- State of the North 2026

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Q-Step intern will work on IPPR North's flagship output, State of the North. This will involve research into a key issue impacting politics and communities in the North of England, drawing on data from sources such as the ONS, polling, and wider literature. The project will seek to influence both the government and local leaders to take action to improve outcomes in the North. It will result in the publication of a concise report, likely to be timed around party conference season in October 2026.

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS



Organisation and Team

Economy & Environment



Working Arrangement

Hybrid



Selection Method

Interviews will be held online via Microsoft Teams

SUPPORT AND TRAINING

- We will provide training and support to develop core research skills including data analysis, literature reviewing, data synthesis, and training on writing skills. There may also be opportunities for candidates to develop skills in qualitative research through shadowing colleagues conducting interviews and focus groups.
- We will support for the intern to learn more about the wider activities and workings of a think tank with opportunities to shadow colleagues taking part in activities such as engaging with the media, engaging with political stakeholders, and taking part in public events.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

ESSENTIAL

- Advanced proficiency analysing quantitative data and creating charts in excel.
- Strong analytical skills.
- Strong writing skills.

DESIRABLE

- Skills in literature reviewing.
- Confident in presenting work to colleagues and wider audiences.