

Link Seminars

with Department for Work and Pensions

What is a Link Seminar?

Link Seminars is an established seminar series run by a team of Department for Work and Pensions analysts on a voluntary basis. The aim of the series is to share ideas, stimulate discussion, and build links between policymakers, analysts, and academics. In collaboration with the Universities of Leeds, Loughborough, Sheffield, and York, the series is attended by primarily DWP analysts and policy professionals as well as university staff and students. We host seminars from a range of perspectives, including PhD researchers and established academics on a wide variety of topics relevant to [DWP's Areas of Research Interests](#).

Why should you present with us?

- An opportunity to present your research to an audience consisting of analysts and policy professionals working across a wide range of policy areas, as well as other academics and students.
- The ability to discuss your research further in a facilitated Q&A session with the audience, gain feedback on your presentation, and an opportunity to collaborate further with interested attendees.

What can you expect from a Link Seminar?

Pre-meet

Link will organise a pre-meet where we will go through the seminar structure and answer any questions you may have.

Seminar

Presentations should last up to 40 minutes, followed by a 20-minute Q&A session.

Follow-up

We will share any audience feedback with you. We are also happy to facilitate introductions between DWP colleagues and yourselves.

Some previous seminars...

- December 2022: **“Conceptualising socially inclusive environmental policy: a just transition to Net Zero and its relevance to DWP”** with Professor Lucie Middlemiss and Emily Morrison (University of Leeds)
- December 2023: **“Towards a Minimum Digital Living Standard for Households with Children: Needs and Challenges”** with Katherine Hill and Dr Chloe Blackwell (Loughborough University)
- January 2024: **“Hardship upon hardship: the two-child limit, the benefit cap, and the cost-of-living crisis”** with Dr Kate Andersen (University of York)
- April 2024: **“How does Universal Credit affect housing affordability for renters in England?”** with Dr Rhiannon Williams (University of Sheffield)

What next?

If you're interested in presenting your research with us, please reach out to our contact at your university. As a DWP seminar series, we are particularly interested in research that aligns with the [DWP's Areas of Research Interests](#).

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