

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

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Youth unemployment and civil society under devolution: a comparative analysis of sub-state welfare regimes

Thank you again for agreeing to interview for this project; your views and insights are extremely valuable to the project. As a reminder, the interview will take between 20 minutes and one hour, but you can end it at any time without explanation or further obligation.

The interview questions, below, are deliberately broad and general (1) to allow you space and scope to talk about your role and (2) to allow some level of comparison between policy perspectives from the UK / England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Objective

To analyse how/if unemployment provisions contributed to originally develop policy and a social citizenship which differs from the other UK devolved administrations. (Challenging historically the notion of one UK Welfare Regime).

QUESTIONS

1.1 Can you tell us about your role and the policies, projects, priorities and strategies that you are involved in? (include as much detail as you need)

Can I see the piece of work on numbers of people who they work with?

1.2 Can you tell us who sit in the same committee/steering committee as yourself and on the basis of what criteria?

1.3 Can you explain the background to the projects that you are involved with? (prompts)

1. how were they developed?
2. why were they developed?
3. what came before?
4. what came next?
5. who was involved?
6. who delivered it?
7. Are/Were there an evaluation / monitoring process? Who does undertake it? To whom they do report back to?

1.4 Can you tell us where the funding comes from and what are the expenditure's requirements?

1.5 What in your view were the political ideologies underpinning the development of policies, projects and strategies relating to youth unemployment? (i.e. Were the UK and the Welsh Assembly take a joint or a different approach led by different networks with different ideologies?) (policy drivers)

1.6 Is there any role to be played by mental health support in this framework?

1.7 What do you think are the key, future challenges for the devolved and UK central governments in addressing youth unemployment and labour market precarity? (post-Covid-19 and post-Brexit) Can you also think about losses produced in this framework?

2. Civil society Organisations in tackling unemployment

2.1 What do you know about civil society organisation involvement in tackling youth unemployment in Wales? I.e. Can you tell me their names and the people involved? Was there a balance between advocacy and service delivery? What about the impact of civil society organisation size, mission or funding source?

2.2 What future policy role do you see for civil society in Wales in the field of labour market precarity (More delivery? Advocacy? Challenging policy? Working with the government?)?

2.3 More generally, what do you think are the key issues for civil society organisations involved with (devolved) government policy and / or service delivery for youth unemployment?

2.4 How do you foresee the practices and interactions of civil society organisations changing as the UK has exited from the EU? And do you think these changes differ by country?

3. Welfare

3.1 Do you anticipate devolved UK governments attempting any divergence (further divergence in the case of Scotland) from the UK central government welfare reforms?