LMI for All is an online data portal, developed by the UK Commission for Employment and Skills, which brings together existing national sources of high quality, reliable labour market information (LMI) that can inform people’s choices about their careers. After successfully completing its pilot stage, LMI for All has been given full project status.

LMI for All makes data freely accessible via a single access point. In this form, the data wouldn’t make much sense to end-users; software developers are best placed to extract the labour market data, and use it to create an app or website which is more accessible.

At heart this is an open data project, which supports the wider government agenda to encourage use and re-use of government data sets. More practically, it allows creative, talented developers to access data and gives them the opportunity to produce useful, visually striking apps, bringing the data to life for varying audiences, including individuals, careers practitioners, employers and policy makers.

WHO IS DEVELOPING LMI FOR ALL?
A consortium led by the Institute of Employment Research at the University of Warwick, and including Pontydysgu, Raycom and Rewired State, has been commissioned by UKCES to develop LMI for All.

WHAT LMI SOURCES ARE INCLUDED?
The online portal includes LMI that can answer the questions people commonly ask when thinking about their careers, including ‘how much do people get paid?’ and ‘what type of person does that job?’. The first release includes information from the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, the Labour Force Survey, the Employer Skills Survey and Working Futures. LMI for All now also includes some vacancy data from Universal JobMatch, as well as data on interests, skills and abilities from the US O*Net system.

WHO IS USING LMI FOR ALL?
Organisations such as iCould, Plotr, SACU and RCU currently use LMI for All data to power their website and apps.

WHATS NEXT FOR LMI FOR ALL?
In spring 2015, LMI for All received the go-ahead from UKCES Commissioners to enter a full project phase, with the remit to engage more stakeholders and expand LMI for All’s reach.

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