

Department for Work & Pensions (DWP)

Location: London, Sheffield, Newcastle and Leeds

Job description:

Economists in DWP play a pivotal role in providing high quality, influential analysis for Ministers and policy makers, to make decisions to deliver ground breaking initiatives to improve the lives of millions. We go beyond the theory and apply our economics knowledge to real-world problems. We analyse data, build models and trial the latest thinking in economic and behavioural theory, to ensure that high quality evidence is brought to bear on all aspects of policy and delivery design, implementation and evaluation.

In doing so, we help the department to tackle a huge range of interesting and high-profile policy challenges such as:

- How can we provide greater security, choice and dignity for people in retirement, while also ensuring the system is sustainable for the future?
- How can we maximise the opportunities whilst minimising the risks for the UK labour market from EU Exit?
- How can we most effectively support people to move into employment and achieve financial independence?
- How can we halve the disability employment gap by supporting disabled people and people with long term health conditions to get in and stay in employment?
- How can we create a fair and affordable welfare system which improves the life chances of children and of adults?
- How can we ensure value for money for the taxpayer by reducing our operating costs over the Parliament, whilst continuing to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our services and delivery?

About DWP:

- DWP operates on a scale that is almost unmatched anywhere else in Europe, the vast majority of people in Britain will come into contact with us at some point in their lives.
- We offer analysts a real chance to make a positive difference to people's lives, for example making the welfare system more fair for all.
- We lead on the government's policy on welfare, pensions and child support. With objectives ranging from ensuring people are able to find jobs to reducing the level of fraud within the system.

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You will be part of a thriving Economist community, with regular economist debates, annual conference and socials across all our hub locations.

As economists, we are also part of the analytical community and will often work in teams with a mixture of analysts, including statisticians, social researchers and operational researchers which means the department is a great place to learn from other perspectives. The DWP has the biggest analytical community across Whitehall which means there is always a chance to mix with other professions.

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