

Conference Agenda: Advancing Youth Transitions Research

Tuesday 3 June 2025

University of Westminster | Portland Hall, Basement, 4–12 Little Titchfield St, London, W1W 7BY

09:00-09:30 **Arrival and refreshments**

09:30-09:45 **Welcome and opening remarks**

Kayla (Youth Employment UK Ambassador) – Conference Chair
Professor Peter Bonfield (University of Westminster)
Karen Powell (Administrative Data Research UK)

09:45-10:10 **Tips for Influencing government policy: Practical strategies for researchers to engage policymakers**

Chris Webber (Open Innovation Team, HM Government)

10:10-11:00 **Breakout sessions**

11:00-11:10 **Refreshments**

11:10-12:00 **Data developments and the future of linked data (with Q&A)**

David Burnett (Department for Education)
Dr Emma Gordon (Administrative Data Research UK)
Stephen Jobling (Ministry of Justice)
Graham Knox (Department for Work and Pensions)

This session will be Chaired by Rebecca Wheeler at NFER

12:00-13:00 **Lunch and networking**

13:00-13:10 **Shaping sustainable futures: Youth transitions and the SDG agenda**

Professor Peter Urwin (University of Westminster)

13:10-14:00 **Research priorities in youth transitions: A funders' perspective (with Q&A)**

Ben Gadsby (Impetus)
Dr Emily Tanner (Nuffield Foundation)
Olly Newton (Edge Foundation)
Anna Round (Youth Futures Foundation)

This session will be Chaired by Jude Hillary at NFER

14:00-14:30 **Youth justice: Educational influences and labour market consequences**

Rob Street (Nuffield Foundation)
Veruska Oppedisano (University of Westminster)

14:30-15:00 **Addressing evidence gaps in youth transitions**

15:00-15:10 **Refreshments**

15:10-16:00 **Breakout sessions**

16:00-16:20 **The power and potential of administrative data**

Dr Emma Gordon (Administrative Data Research UK)

16:20-16:30 **Closing remarks**

Breakout sessions

LG.08 **Using administrative data to research transitions into and out of NEETHood**

Professor Peter Urwin (University of Westminster)
Dave Thomson (FFT Education Datalab)

B.01 **Using administrative data to research transitions into and out of higher education**

Professor Claire Crawford (UCL)
Jake Anders (UCL)

B.02 **Using administrative data to map young people's policy journeys: challenges and conundrums**

Lorraine Lanceley (Institute for Employment Studies)
Peter Traynor (Youth Futures Foundation)

B.03 **Identifying equality gaps and evaluating outcomes in higher education using administrative data**

Rob Summers (TASO)
Nicholette Pollard-Odle (TASO)

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