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The LARIA North East Newsletter

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This is the 40th LARIA North East newsletter. Welcome!

If you've got any examples of research and information work you're doing that you'd like to share, or resources you've found useful, please email me and I'll be happy to include them here. There will be a LARIA North East event in the future in 2021 – watch this space.

This newsletter is put together by Louise Reeve, the North East regional organiser, and sent to all LARIA North East members and associate members. It is also sent to LARIA members in Yorkshire and Humber. If there's something you'd like to see in the newsletter, contact me here: louise.reeve@newcastle.gov.uk. (If you would like to unsubscribe from this newsletter in future, please email me at: louise.reeve@newcastle.gov.uk)

Updates from LARIA

LARIA Spring 2021 Networking Event

Let's start planning the LARIA North East Spring 2021 networking event! Let me



know which dates would work for you. Also, we need presenters. Whether it's a detailed presentation on a major initiative, or a ten-minute introduction to something new you tried, I'd love to hear from you. Email me here to let me know if you can present: louise.reeve@newcastle.gov.uk, and take part in the Doodle poll to let me know which dates in April 2021 will work for you: [LARIA NE Spring 2021 Dates](#). Thanks!

LARIA Spring Webinar Series: Call for Papers - Battling Covid-19 using research, analysis and insight

From LARIA: "Have you started working on your submission for the LARIA Spring Webinar Series yet? Don't worry there is still time! We are calling for a broad range of papers from the general to the specific on our theme: 'Battling Covid-19 using research, analysis and insight'.

We want to celebrate your achievements, and share your analytical approaches and learning over the last year, and also to look forward - the impact of Covid-19 will be felt for many years to come. How can LARIA members support social and economic recovery?

We want to hear from local area researchers, analysts, academic researchers and policy-makers about what they have done in response to Covid-19, its knock-on impacts both within, and across organisations, and plans for the future. For full details and to submit a paper to present please download the [submission form](#) and return to admin@laria.org.uk."

Deadline for submissions: Friday 24 February 2021.

Spotlight – John Seddon and ‘Beyond Command and Control’

From Northumbria University: “The Covid-19 Pandemic cancelled John Seddon's trip to Northumbria University Newcastle last March as part of the Little Heresies series. Given what's going on, John would like to invite you to a final book tour event on Tuesday 9th March 2021 on Zoom between 10-11am for his latest book, ‘Beyond Command and Control’. You'll have the opportunity to buy a copy for half-price.

This book offers to solve the UK productivity conundrum, dramatically improve health and care services while reducing their cost, and much more besides ...As ever, John's philosophy is challenging, innovative and inspiring. Most of all, it works! There will be an opportunity to ask questions. Find out more here: [John Seddon Virtual Book Tour](#).”



Research News

Census Day – Sunday 21st March 2021

A message from ONS: “Census Day is less than five weeks away and all of us at the Office for National Statistics (ONS) are very much in our final planning stages. Our national advertising campaign started on the 12th February with television adverts and radio adverts.

This is the first digital census. Therefore, we expect a significant majority of respondents will complete the form online. To enable them to do this all households in England and Wales will receive a letter which is due to be sent out in early March asking them to take part and giving them a unique code to enter to enable them to complete the census form online.

We are aware that some people will not be able to complete the form online. We will be sending paper forms out to people in areas where broadband coverage is poor and where we know that digital take up is poor. We will also send out a form to people on request. However, there is nowhere a person can pick up a form because the reference number on the form has to be linked to an address. If a person has digital access but has difficulty in completing a form they can make a free telephone call where our call centre will help them to complete the form. With the support of local authorities, we hope to have a very successful Census 2021. Find out more here: [Census 2021 website](#)”

How is COVID-19 affecting people over 50?

Healthy Aging in Scotland and ESRI are researching “...how fear of catching COVID-19 affects the lives of people over the age of 50; the 18-month study will survey people aged 50 and over in Scotland and will establish how the pandemic is influencing their decisions to socialise, visit family or attend medical appointments.” Find out more here: [Covid-19 and over-50s](#).

Alliance for Useful Evidence: The Greatest Hits

Jonathan Breckon, the outgoing director of the Alliance for Useful Evidence, has gone through their archives and found the eight reports he most recommends,

from 'What Works? Using Evidence' to 'A Practice Guide to Using Research Evidence'. Find them here: [Alliance for Useful Evidence](#)

Events and Training Opportunities

LG Inform – Online Training

From LG Inform: “Are you interested in learning more about LG Inform or LG Inform Plus? If so, why not sign up for our online training session? The sessions are quick, direct and easily accessible from the comfort of your own desk. You will have the opportunity to learn more about the system, tools and data. One of our trusted data analysts will happily help broaden your understanding of the system and answer all of your questions in this 30-minute bite-size training session.

You will be sent a phone number so you can join a conference call and a URL so you will be able to see our computer screen, then in the session, we will work through various sections of the site to show you how it works. Find out more here: [LG Inform Training](#).”

Useful Links and Resources

Good Research Resource Hub

From UKRI: “Explore our Good Research Resource hub, bringing together policies, standards and guidance to support researchers, innovators and organisations”. [Good Research Resource Hub](#)

LG Inform Value for Money Profiles

From LG Inform: “The Value for Money (VFM) profiles bring together data about the costs, performance and activity of local councils and fire and rescue authorities. The data are displayed under sections that give an overview of the chosen organisation and the services it delivers.” [Value for Money Profiles](#)