

This is the 55<sup>th</sup> LARIA North East newsletter. 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](mailto: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](mailto:louise.reeve@newcastle.gov.uk))

## Updates from LARIA

### LARIA Council Catch-Up May 2022

LARIA's Council (the group of volunteers who act as the governing body for LARIA) met for a quick catch-up on May 2022, discussing financial issues, membership, SSRG in LARIA and LARIA regional groups. We

considered how to raise LARIA's profile, how we could do better communications and marketing, and how to revitalise the regional networks. If anyone has thoughts on this, or wants to share your ideas, please do let me know at: [louise.reeve@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:louise.reeve@newcastle.gov.uk).



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### LARIA AGM 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 4pm, all LARIA members welcome!

The LARIA AGM 2022 will take place on Microsoft Teams at 4-5pm, Thursday 16 June. All LARIA members are invited to join us for the AGM. Full LARIA members may take part in the voting and stand for election to LARIA Council. To attend, please email Sophie Flood at [admin@laria.org.uk](mailto:admin@laria.org.uk) for the meeting details.

## Spotlight – Labour Force Survey: Still time to share your views on the transformation plans

From ONS: "In March's LA newsletter we shared our plans about the transformation of the Labour Force Survey (LFS). The LFS has, for many years, been the cornerstone of ONS statistics on UK employment. While now complemented by other, often faster sources of information like real-time PAYE data, it remains the richest source of data on many aspects of the world of work and wider society.

Darren Morgan, Director of Economic Statistics Production and Analysis, discusses the challenges this survey faced during the pandemic and how we now plan to transform it. There is still time to tell us how you feel about the changes. Read the blog here: [Making everybody count: How we're transforming the Labour Force Survey](#). The blog contains a link to a survey where you can give us your views on what impacts users might have and what the ONS can do to support you through the changes. The deadline for this survey is **29 June 2022.**"

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## Research News

### Research and investment as a tool for levelling up

From N8 Research

Partnership: "The start of 2022 has seen the N8 repeatedly make the case that investment in research and innovation in the north is



imperative if the government wants to deliver on its levelling-up agenda while also achieving its aim of the UK becoming a science and technology superpower. Our director Dr Annette Bramley was a speaker at the landmark Convention of the North event at The Spine in Liverpool, during which Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham hailed the N8 as a mechanism to ensure the North can be more than the sum of its parts. Read her responses to the [Levelling Up White Paper](#) and [UK Research and Investment's first five-year strategy](#)."

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## Events and Training

### NCRM training courses

From NCRM – places available on methods training courses in May and June for:



- Studying Human-Computer Interaction with Video (16 May)
- Building Digital Databases Using Historical Material (30 May)
- Socio-economic inequality in health (9-10 June)
- Reanimating data: secondary analysis, historical enquiry, & participatory data collection (16 June)
- Oral History Theory and Practice (21 and 23 June)
- Creative Ethnographies (22 and 27 June)

The full NCRM training calendar is available to view on the NCRM website: [NCRM training calendar](#)

## Useful Links and Resources

### COVID-19 and the social impacts on Great Britain – 16 to 27 March 2022

These Office for National Statistics (ONS) indicators from the Opinions and Lifestyle Survey cover the period 16 to 27 March 2022 and are produced to better understand the impact of the pandemic on people, households and communities in Great Britain: [Office for National Statistics \(ONS\) indicators from the Opinions and Lifestyle Survey](#)

### Latest data on children in low-income families

From the LGA: “Use our new dynamic LG Inform reports on children’s health and wellbeing to access the latest Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) data (2020/21) on the proportion of children aged between 0 and 15 who are in:

- [absolute low-income families](#)
- [relative low-income families](#).

For example, the proportion of children aged between 0 and 15 in absolute low-income families in England was 15.1% (down from 15.8% in 2019/20). Use the report modifiers at the top of each LG Inform report to find out the situation in your area.”

### Housing affordability changes in your area since 2011

From LGA: “Our new dynamic [LG Inform report on housing affordability](#) shows, for each local authority area, how housing affordability has changed over the last 10 years and what has driven the change. For example, the report shows that – on average – working people purchasing a home in England in 2021 could expect to pay around 9.05 times their annual earnings – compared to 6.8 times their annual earnings in 2011.”



### New online resource on consumer data now available

From NCRM: “An online learning resource on consumer data is now available on the NCRM website. ‘Using Consumer Data in Research’ features three videos presented by Dr Nick Bearman of University College London. The videos cover:

- what consumer data is and how it can be used
- examples of what can be understood from consumer data, such as football data and housing data
- methods and skills needed to work with consumer data.”

Find out more here: [Using Consumer Data in Research](#)