

The Productivity Institute

The Productivity Institute is a UK-wide research organization exploring what productivity means for business, for workers and for communities – how it is measured and how it truly contributes to increased living standards and well-being. We aim to pinpoint the causes of the stagnation in UK productivity and focus energies to laying the foundations for a new era of sustained and inclusive productivity growth.

The Productivity Institute is made possible by an initial five-year grant from the Economic and Social Research Council in the UK. The institute's academic partners include the University of Manchester, where the Institute is also headquartered, and the universities of Cambridge, Glasgow, Sheffield and Warwick, King's College London, Queen's University Belfast as well as the National Institute of Economic and Social Research and the Economic Statistics Centre of Excellence.

Research

The Productivity Institute's research from across the UK and overseas covers eight key research areas including human capital, organizational capital, knowledge capital, institutions and governance, geography and place, macroeconomic trends and policy, measurement and methods, and social, environmental and technological transitions. Expertise is drawn from social sciences, engineering, physics, political science, business management, innovation research and data science.

Business

Eight Regional Productivity Forums of which five across England as well as in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales are underway to inform and shape the development and implementation of the institute's research agenda and practical business interventions and supported by partner universities.

Policy

Our Productivity Commission is an independent academic advisory group directed at finding policy solutions to the productivity puzzle.

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