

Five things you didn't know about Analysis in Government Month!

Analysis across government is being used more than ever in policy, decision making and the media, and there has been so much fantastic work across the Analysis Function that is worthy of sharing and celebrating. Because of this, we have planned a full month of activities and broad engagement across government and beyond!

Remember that all analysts within government are members of the Government Analysis Function and part of this event is about connecting with fellow analysts and finding out more about your role within the function.

If you are not an analyst, you are still very welcome to come along, we have a really diverse line-up of content so there is hopefully something for everyone! Let's find out what's on offer throughout the month, shall we?

1. We have over 25 blog posts to share with you

To share and showcase the breadth and variety of work going on across the Analysis Function, we'll be sharing a selection of 'Five things...' posts each week.

From learning how the UK is helping to modernise official statistics in the developing world to finding out more about the Government Actuary Department – there's something for everyone.

We can't wait to share them with you!

2. You have the opportunity to connect with analysts across government

Throughout the month we are spotlighting and showcasing the work of analysts across the Government Analysis Function and other areas of government. There are spotlight sessions on each of the professions, webinars on analysis in local government, a Census showcase, and panel sessions to hear from the wider analytical and user community. For more information on the sessions, go to our [Eventbrite page](#).

There is also the opportunity to join Coffee Connect. This is a great chance to meet and be introduced to a wider network and make connections in different departments and professions. No matter your grade or where you work, whether you want to learn more about others colleagues' careers and experiences, or whether you are simply missing casual conversations in the office kitchen, this is for you!

You can sign up by emailing analysis.function@ons.gov.uk. Each month we will randomly match you with another analyst and then it's over to you! Get in

touch with your match and arrange a time to chat about whatever you want.

3. We are hosting a hackathon

A 'hackathon' is a unique opportunity to get 'hands on' with data and work collaboratively with different people, on a real-life issue. It is an opportunity for you to have a break from your day job and try some new technical skills whilst working with analysts from other departments and professions.

We will be using a range of datasets to answer different research questions posed by departments across the day, focusing on either data visualisation challenges or methodology and analysis challenges. Sign up now to [book your place!](#)

4. There are opportunities for free learning and development

We have plenty of free learning and development opportunities and sessions being held this month, including information on Success Profiles and how to apply for jobs within the Analysis Function, Compelling insights through data visualisation, how to make spreadsheets accessible and so much more.

For more information on the sessions, and to book your last-minute place, go to our [Eventbrite page](#).

5. There are award winners amongst us!

After the inaugural launch of the Analysis in Government Awards last year, we have some brilliant examples of award-winning work from across the Analysis Function that we want to share with you.

We are holding webinars on each of the five award categories:

- Impact
- Communication
- Innovation in methods
- Investment in people
- Collaboration

To sign up to a session, go to our [Eventbrite page](#).

We're so excited to celebrate all the hard work and achievements from across the Analysis Function – we hope you are too! Make sure you keep up to date with all the latest news and webinars throughout the month and get involved as much as possible. You can do this by following [@gov_analysis on Twitter](#), signing up to our monthly newsletter via analysis.function@ons.gov.uk and checking out the latest news and event information on [our GOV.UK web page](#).

Here's to the first Analysis in Government Month!

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