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## [Analysis in Government Month 2021](#)

Join us for the first Analysis in Government Month where we bring together people from across the Government Analysis Function, and local government analysts, to celebrate the importance of analytical work. This year's theme is Analysis Connect.

You'll find our full programme of events and activities on our [Analysis in Government Month Eventbrite page](#)

Taking place in May, this month-long campaign will:

- Connect people with the Analysis Function and the analytical work being done across government
- Connect analysts working across government, both central and local, with each other and encourage collaborative working by bringing the analytical community together
- Connect analysts within the Analysis Function and those in councils who may be doing work on similar topics locally.

### **About Analysis in Government Month 2021**

You will be invited to a programme of events, talks and activities covering a range of interesting and useful content.

You'll get the chance to connect with analysts from all different departments, grades and professions. Michelle Bowen, a member of the organising team, explains why connecting analysts together is like assembling a group of superheroes: ["Analysts Assemble!"](#)

## What is the Analysis Function?

Awareness raising sessions on what the Analysis Function is, why it is important, why is it helpful to analysts and where to find useful information. This will include sessions on the different professions as well as career stories, for example; apprenticeships and the fast stream. Watch our video [Proud to be the Government Analysis Function](#) and why not subscribe to our channel while you're there?

## Videos

Premiering this month we feature an interview with Professor Sir Ian Diamond, Head of the Analysis Function and National Statistician. Sir Ian talks exclusively about Analysis in Government Month and why he thinks it is so important for us to connect with our analytical community.

### [Interview with Professor Sir Ian Diamond](#)

During the month we will share more videos with you, including Jenny Dibden, Head of Government Research Service (GSR), who speaks exclusively about the importance of analysis, how to pursue a career in analysis, and about her own career journey.

### [Jenny Dibden, Head of Government Research Service \(GSR\)](#)

Sue Bateman, Deputy Director for Data and Innovation, Digital and Data Office, Cabinet Office speaks exclusively about the importance of analysis, how to pursue a career in analysis, and about her own career journey.

### [Sue Bateman, Deputy Director for Data and Innovation, Digital and Data Office, Cabinet Office](#)

Martin Clarke, the Government Actuary talks to us about analysis, life in the Government Actuary's Department and gives insight into his career journey.

### [Martin Clarke, the Government Actuary](#)

During the final week of Analysis in Government Month, David Wood, Head of Government Geography Profession, premiered on our YouTube channel, talking about his career journey and being dual-badged in the Analysis Function.

### [David Wood, Head of Government Geography Profession](#)

The final day of Analysis in Government Month saw our final Head of Profession premiere from Tony O'Connor, Head of Profession for the Government Operational Research Service (GORS) who gives insight into how the work of GORS is at the heart of the Analysis Function.

### [Tony O'Connor](#)

## Challenge Analysts

A hackathon, where you form a team (across departments and professions) and

work together on an analytical task, for example a data visualisation creation. We will crown the winning team!

## Webinars

We'll host a suite of online events on working in the Analysis Function. This will include success stories from some of the nominees for the [Analysis in Government Awards](#).

In parallel, the Local Area Research and Intelligence Association (LARIA), the officers' association for researchers and analysts in local government and other local public services, is also running its [Spring Seminar Series](#) and its [Local Impact Awards](#).

## ' Five things you didn't know about...'

A series of blog posts giving you an insight into the types of analytical work being done across government:

- [Week one](#) features the Analysis Function, How we ensure you can trust statistics, Geography profession, Working as a government analyst and Decarbonising the UK
- Insight into the Geography Profession [Re-establishing Ayrshire as a functional economic geography to benefit its communities](#)
- [Week two](#) features topics such as coding, working for the Government Economic Service, Diversity and Inclusion, data quality, modernising statistics, diversity in the Government Geography Profession and working as an Operational Delivery Professional in a statistical organisation
- In [Week three, part one](#) we hear from colleagues across the Analysis Function who tell us about how we make data understandable, evaluation, actuaries, the data masterclass and how Administrative Data Research (ADR) UK is having an impact
- Ed Humpherson, Office for Statistics Regulation explains how the work of the Office for Statistics Regulation supports the Government Analysis Function, [The code for everyone](#)
- [Week three, part two](#) features blogs on the Analysis Function People Board, Fast Stream schemes, the work of the Government Operational Research Society and the role of buildings in net-zero and climate change
- [Week four](#) features blogs on user engagement, cognitive interviewing, data science myth-busting, the work of the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and behavioural science
- Ian Coady, Geospatial Adviser for the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and Deputy Head of the Government Geography Profession tells us [How the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office is helping to put everyone on the map](#)

## Dates and locations

All events will take place online during May 2021.

You will have time for networking with colleagues across government with

similar interests and work streams.

## Who is Analysis in Government Month for?

Analysis in Government Month is open to:

- members of the Analysis Function and local government analysts
- aspiring analysts (both within and outside of government)
- anyone with an interest in government analysis, for example; other civil servants, academics or analysts in non-government organisations

## Registration

You can explore the full programme of events and sign up on [Eventbrite](#).

You can keep in touch with our event updates by following [@gov\\_analysis\\_on Twitter](#).

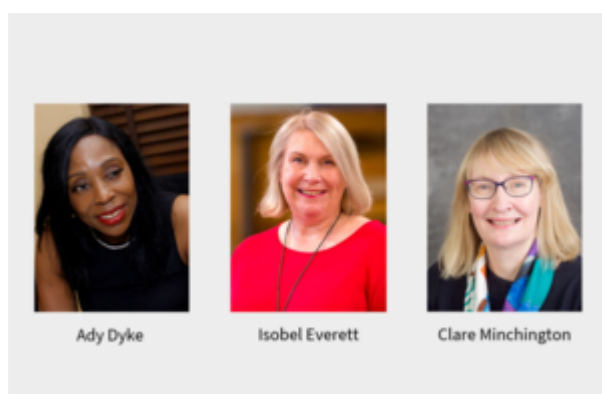
If you have any specific queries about this event, please email [analysis.function@ons.gov.uk](mailto:analysis.function@ons.gov.uk).

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## [The GIAA strengthens its Board](#)

Press release

The Government Internal Audit Agency broadens its board.



The Government Internal Audit Agency (GIAA) appointed three new Non-Executive Directors to the GIAA Board. The Non-Executive Directors, Ady Dike, Isobel Everett and Clare Minchington bring a range of experience from different industries and sectors that will further strengthen the GIAA's Board.

Ady Dike is an enterprise agile architect and coach with over two decades of experience in operational, strategic and project management and digital transformation. Her experience spans across a range of sectors, with a track

record of delivering organisational change and overseeing high value programmes of work. She is currently Digital Transformation Lead in a private sector company.

Isobel Everett has had a varied career in engineering, project management and public services. She is an experienced non-executive board member and chair within a variety of public sector contexts. Isobel has been a lead non-executive for the Office of the Secretary of State for Wales and has significant local government experience. She was until recently Chair of the Wales Audit Office.

Clare Minchington has spent her career working within professional education and regulation. Her non-executive director experience spans across the public and private sectors. Clare spent a number of years with the Association of Chartered Accountants and has held several academic positions. She has chaired 5 audit committees and is currently Chair of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee for the College of Policing.

Elizabeth Honer, the Chief Executive of the Government Internal Audit Agency, said, "I am delighted to welcome Ady, Isobel and Clare to the Agency's Board. Collectively they bring a wealth of relevant knowledge and experience in audit, project and change management and innovation. Their experience complements the breadth of expertise of our existing non-executive directors, our Chair Steve Burnett, Paul Boyle, and Cat Little, our HM Treasury sponsor. Together with our executive Board members they will enable us to realise our vision and deliver on our mission to provide better insights for better outcomes."

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## **Faith and Science: towards COP26**

World news story

Information about the religious leaders and scientists meeting in Rome in autumn 2021.



In the framework of the British presidency in partnership with Italy of the United Nations Conference on Climate Change COP26, the Embassies of the United Kingdom and Italy to the Holy See, together with the Holy See, will convene a meeting of religious leaders and scientists in Rome in autumn 2021 to build momentum for COP26, which is scheduled to take place from 1 to 12 November 2021 in Glasgow.

The meeting will take place after the preparatory COP26 events in Milan: the world Conference dedicated to young people “Youth4Climate: Driving Ambition” and the Pre-COP26 (28 September to 2 October 2021).

The aims of the meeting will be for faith leaders to articulate our common duty to address climate change, encouraging national governments to raise their ambition regarding their National Determined Contributions to reach the Paris Agreement goals; to show how the faiths are leading the way by greening their own operations at central and local level, and making new commitments; and to encourage the faithful to take action to slow global temperature rises. Faith leaders played a key role creating the conditions for the success of COP21 in 2015 and many of them have spoken out about the shared responsibility of people of faith to care for the whole of creation.

In preparation for this event, the British and Italian Embassies, together with the Holy See, are convening a series of virtual meetings. The first one took place on 4 February. The British and Italian Embassies asked Wilton Park, Executive Agency of the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office in London, to facilitate this preparatory process.

The hashtags for this event is #Faiths4COP26

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# Fund extended to help level-up every corner of United Kingdom

- Levelling Up Fund will be extended to whole of the UK to help boost growth in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
- £4.8 billion will now be invested in local projects, such as regeneration and transport, ensuring the government provides the same support to communities across the UK as we build back better from Covid
- the Chief Secretary is clear that levelling up means every region and nation of the UK

Taking this UK-wide approach makes sure that the UK Government can target funding more efficiently and responsibly between different parts of the country.

Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Stephen Barclay, said that communities in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland will now all benefit from at least £800 million of investment by the UK Government for town centre and high street regeneration, local transport, cultural and heritage projects.

The Levelling Up Fund, which was announced at the Spending Review, will invest in local infrastructure that has a visible impact on people and their communities. It will run from 2021/22 to 2024/25, and drive regeneration in places in need, those facing particular challenges, and areas that have received less government investment in recent years. Because such places exist across the UK – including in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland – this support is being extended across the whole of the United Kingdom.

The initial £4 billion will now be made £4.8 billion as the scheme becomes UK-wide. Making the Levelling Up Fund UK-wide will enable the government to provide the same support to communities in all parts of the UK as we build back better from Covid.

Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Steve Barclay, said:

We are committed to levelling-up opportunities right across the United Kingdom so that all communities can benefit from our future prosperity.

Our levelling-up fund will back local projects to improve everyday life for millions of people and we look forward to working with all areas to boost local economies.

By extending the levelling-up fund to be UK-wide, we are ensuring that no community in the United Kingdom is left behind.

All parts of the UK have benefited from the UK government's £280 billion economic support package which has protected millions of jobs throughout the

pandemic through the furlough scheme, self-employed support and generous business loans. The response to the pandemic has shown that the UK government has successfully saved jobs and protected people throughout the UK.

Making the Levelling Up Fund UK-wide will enable the government to provide the same support to communities in all parts of the UK as we build back better from Covid and to take a strategic approach across the whole of the UK, allocating funding in all parts of the country irrespective of administrative borders. Along with the government's plans for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, the Levelling Up Fund will ensure a package of UK Government support which invests in skills, infrastructure and innovation at local, regional and national levels.

Scottish Secretary, Alister Jack, said:

The new UK Levelling Up Fund is a fantastic example of the UK Government delivering for people in Scotland. It will provide a boost to communities right across Scotland as we set out to Build Back Better from the Covid pandemic.

This fund will allow us to directly invest in capital projects in Scotland. I look forward to working on the delivery of the fund in Scotland and with local authorities, who know best what their communities really need.

The new UK Levelling Up Fund is just one way the UK Government is investing in Scottish jobs and Scotland's future prosperity. We are driving a package of measures to level up opportunity across all parts of the UK, including City and Region Growth Deals, Freeports, the Union Connectivity Review, and preparing for a new UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Welsh Secretary, Simon Hart, said:

This represents a significant investment in Wales and is testament to our determination to level up the whole of the UK.

The UK Government has supported hundreds of thousands of people and businesses in Wales through the pandemic. As we begin our programme to build back better we will target investment where it is needed most, directly benefitting communities across Wales.

### **Further Information**

Further details on how the Fund will operate will be published in the prospectus at Budget – including who can bid, the types of projects eligible for funding, and the criteria for assessing proposals.

The UK Government will use the financial assistance power in the UK Internal



Market Act to ensure the fund is UK-wide. Due to this, the initial £4 billion fund will now be made £4.8 billion available UK-wide.

The Levelling Up Fund will supersede existing local growth funding streams, such as the Local Growth Fund, Pinch Points Fund, and future rounds of the Towns Fund – working directly with local areas across the UK to take a holistic approach to their needs.

Since 2015, the UK government has invested billions in local growth funding including:

- Committing to 20 City and Growth Deals covering the whole of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. These ensure that all individuals can benefit from nearly £2.9 billion of direct UK government investment.
- Agreement of nine mayoral devolution deals for city-regions across the country, representing £7.5 billion of un-ringfenced 'gainshare' investment over 30 years for Mayoral Combined Authorities to invest in local priorities.
- Up to £600 million of investment over 20 years through the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund, agreed as part of the 2014 Leeds City Region Growth Deal, as well as up to £500 million over 15-20 years for the Greater Cambridge Partnership, agreed as part of the Greater Cambridge City Deal.