

Place-based policy that is grounded in evidence, developed in partnership

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Universities

£6m

Research England
Development and
Institutional Funding

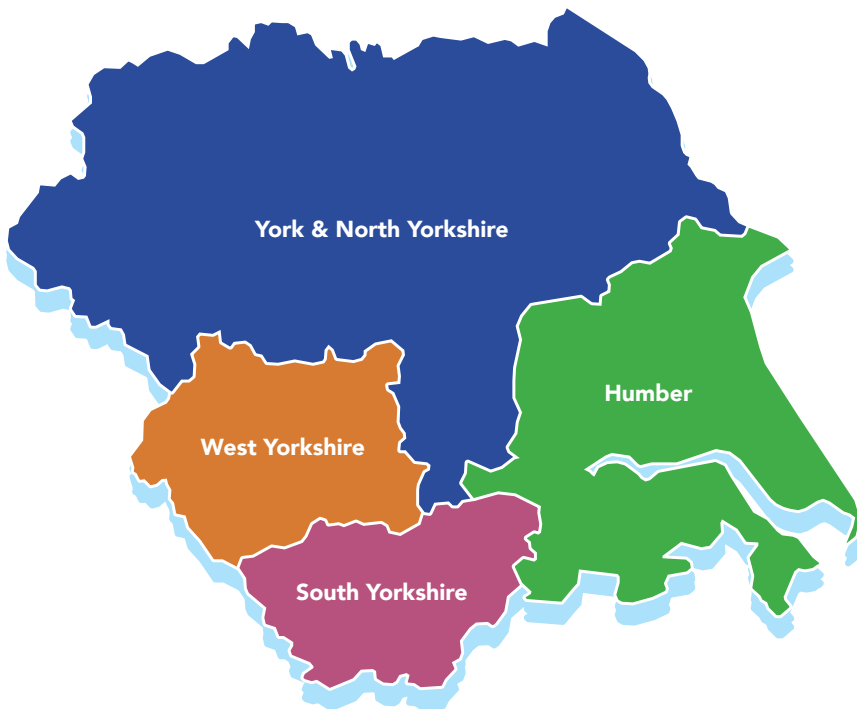
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Councils and
Combined
Authorities

5.4m

Population

An inclusive and place-based approach



York & North Yorkshire

Evaluating universal free school meals pilots
Supporting female entrepreneurship
Worked with the mayoral transition team

West Yorkshire

Region-wide review of childcare provision
Housing quality research & homelessness support
Supporting SME manufacturing success

South Yorkshire

South Yorkshire Skills Strategy
South Yorkshire Good Growth plan
South Yorkshire Policy Forum

Humber

Poverty truth commissions
Supporting a Water & Coastal Communities Network
Working with the mayoral transition team



Y-PERN's growing impact

Y-PERN is transforming the way academic researchers and knowledge exchange experts in the 12 Yorkshire and Humber universities work in partnership with policymakers in the region.

The deepening of devolution across our region presents a unique opportunity to co-create evidence-based policies that bring real benefits to communities.



A workshop on barriers to female entrepreneurship (York & North Yorkshire)

A vision for a truly inclusive economy (West Yorkshire)

The West Yorkshire Plan sets out an ambitious vision and mission for 2040 that will transform lives and communities across the region. Y-PERN and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) are working together, taking a systems-based approach to tackle regional challenges, which will feed into WYCA's Local Growth Plan (LGP). By analysing the underlying structures and relationships within the socio-economic system, wider determinants of complex problems can be identified rather than merely addressing symptoms, thus helping to identify potential solutions – for example around the system of childcare provision, which is a key to a sustainable and inclusive growth.

Supporting skills and good growth (South Yorkshire)

South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority's (SYMCA) Skills Strategy was devised to help build a better, not just a bigger economy in the region. Y-PERN colleagues are actively involved in supporting the development of the Skills Strategy as well as a Plan for Good Growth. They are delivering a range of activities including evidence reviews on skills and labour market

ecosystems, running evidence workshops feeding into the Skills Strategy design and data analysis of South Yorkshire's sectoral strengths.

Identifying barriers for female entrepreneurs (York & North Yorkshire)

Collaborative research involving Y-PERN, the University of York and Federation of Small

Businesses (FSB) is being carried out into female entrepreneurship in York & North Yorkshire. The aim is to understand the barriers and challenges that female entrepreneurs in our region face and understand what policy interventions could be put in place.



Addressing poverty by collaborating with those affected by it (Hull, East Yorkshire & the Humber)

The Hull Poverty Truth Commission (HPTC) brings together people with lived experience of struggling against poverty (Community Commissioners) and people who are decision makers or policymakers from civic or business life (Civic Commissioners) to identify key issues that create or compound poverty in the region.

Y-PERN colleagues are embedded in the HPTC, helping build relationships that contribute to local change, and running the evaluation of the project.

At the interface of devolution and collaboration (Yorkshire & the Humber)

Y-PERN is working with one of its key founding partners, Yorkshire & Humber Councils, to explore the issue of collaborative working and the devolution of powers, funding and investment from national government. The project aims to identify the most appropriate spatial and governance levels at which responsibilities should sit and provide recommendations for more effective collaboration.

Prioritising marginalised communities through YPIP (Yorkshire & the Humber)

Extending the work begun by Y-PERN, the Yorkshire & Humber Policy Innovation Partnership (YPIP) has been awarded £5 million in UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) funding (from ESRC, AHRC and Innovate UK) as the only Local Innovation Partnership (LPIP) of its kind in England. It brings researchers from every Yorkshire university together with policy, business and community stakeholders – prioritizing those from marginalised communities – to carry out innovative research addressing three key themes: inclusive growth, sustainable living and data analytics.



Hull Poverty Truth Commission - Awakening event

The Y-PERN approach: How we work

Connecting and convening partners

We are a 'network-of-networks' that connects the region's policymakers with academic researchers and knowledge exchange experts. This approach recognises and values the diversity of academic policy collaborations and initiatives already taking place across the region, and seeks to support the connections between them.

Building capacity for the future

We are funded by the Research England Development (RED) Fund, which aims to build capacity in knowledge exchange and help facilitate an understanding of how region-wide networks can better work together to reduce complexity for partners when navigating opportunities as well as identifying new ways of working together.

Embedding systems thinking

We adopt a 'systems-of-systems' approach to contemporary socio-economic opportunities and challenges – recognising that issues like increasing productivity, attracting investment, the cost-of-living crisis, environmental challenges and regional inequality involve complex and systemic connections between people, systems and scales.

Independent, agile and collaborative team

Y-PERN's team of 11 policy fellows and region-wide academic steering group draws upon diverse expertise from across all twelve higher education institutions within the Yorkshire Universities group and connects this within the structures of Yorkshire and Humber Councils (comprising all local and mayoral combined authorities in the region). Please get in touch with Y-PERN's Chief Policy Fellow, Dr Andy Mycock to discuss our work further: contact@y-pern.org.uk

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