General Election 2019: fact checking and analysis

The election campaign is almost over, but there is still time to check a final fact or to get an impartial assessment of the parties’ manifesto commitments.

We want public debate to be informed by independent evidence that people can trust, which is why we funded several organisations to produce election briefings and fact-checking:

- **Full Fact** is fact checking claims made during the election campaign, including in the manifestos and televised debates.
- **The IFS** is providing daily analysis of different parties’ proposals, including comprehensive manifesto briefings.
- **NIESR** is producing briefings, podcasts and videos to further the understanding of public policy questions.
• **The Education Policy Institute** is providing analysis of the main parties’ plans for education in England.

**English Atlas of Inequality**

We have funded a new **English Atlas of Inequality** - developed by researchers at the University of Sheffield – that highlights the most unequal areas of England.

The Atlas challenges misconceptions about rich and poor areas, demonstrating how no one measure of inequality paints the full picture at local, sub-national and national level.

This video from the Financial Times featuring lead researcher Alasdair Rae explains what the new Atlas tells us about inequality.

[Read more]
Mismatch in Higher Education

New research from UCL finds that disadvantaged students are less likely to study university courses that match their grades than their more advantaged peers.

Up to one in four could be enrolled on more selective courses that typically have higher earning potential.

We funded Dr Gill Wyness to undertake the research, which analysed data from over 130,000 students and found a significant ‘mismatch’ in UK higher education.

News in brief

- **Nuffield Foundation Fellowship at POST**: The Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology is offering a three month fellowship to a PhD student studying at a UK university. [Read more](#)

- **We have appointed four new Board members to the Ada Lovelace Institute**: The new appointees being distinctive perspectives, skillsets and networks that complement those of existing Board members. [Read more](#)

- **The Nuffield Council on Bioethics** is recruiting new Council members from a broad range of disciplines. The closing date is 6 January 2020. [Read more](#)
**Strategic Fund:** The next deadline for applications to our Strategic Fund will be in spring 2020. Register for updates to receive news of all relevant dates.

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**New projects**

We fund research and development projects that inform social policy, primarily in Education, Welfare and Justice.

- **Post-16 education pathways: the role of peers, family background and expectations** - Dr Nicola Pensiero (UCL Institute of Education)
- **Development of a digital game to help people with language difficulties to improve their basic numeracy skills** - Prof. Chris Dolan (UCL)
- **Understanding criminogenic influences on youth offending** - Prof. Stephen Case (Loughborough University)
- **The Edinburgh Study: causes and impacts of criminal justice pathways** - Prof. Lesley McAra (University of Edinburgh)
- **Exploring the impact of Scottish curriculum policy on choice, attainment and destinations** - Dr Marina Shapira (University of Stirling)
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