

Activity idea 22: The state of employment (40 minutes)

In this activity students will work in pairs and look at employment in their own area (e.g. London borough). How fair and sustainable is it?

Students will need access to the internet to complete this activity. Ask students to find the answers to the following questions for their borough/district. They can research articles or perhaps they could contact their local job centre for more facts. To take this activity further, students could then compare their findings with other London boroughs or the national average.

Employment indicators for your local geographical area:

- Proportion of people of working age who are in work:
- Workless households:
- Long-term unemployment:.....
- Proportion of lone parents, long-term ill and disabled in touch with the labour market:
- Average salary:
- People in employment working long hours:
- Working days lost through illness, work fatalities and injury rates:
- Qualifications at age 19:
- Adult literacy/numeracy:
- People without qualifications:

Students can also research what projects/programs are being run in their borough to help people into employment.

Related lesson activities from the main KS3 section:

- Activity 8: Factory life
- Activity 9: Supply chain