

Resurgo and the DWP's Employment Data Lab meeting 6 Feb

Data Lab responses to questions from the chat:

[16:09] jon (Guest)

Is the data lab actively wanting more charities to get involved? Also, is there an incentive for the DWP in doing this?

Data Lab Answer:

Yes, the Data Lab team are very keen for any and all organisations to consider getting involved and that certainly includes charities. Please visit our website or email the team for more information about participating:

web: www.gov.uk/government/collections/employment-data-lab

email: employment.datalab@dwp.gov.uk

The incentive for DWP is that by helping organisations learn about their programmes to make them more effective will result in more people getting into work – which is one of DWP core objectives.

[16:15] Michelle Anike

hi, if a learner has special educational needs, is there a specific organisation that they are referred to?

Data Lab Answer (see question from Michelle Anike below)

[16:17] Michelle Anike

i work for Mencap and we have the capacity to special any individual with an ehc plan that is looking to get into employment.

[16:17] Amy Fazackerley

Was that last stat provided by Data Lab or something that Resurgo drew conclusions on based on the data provided?

Data Lab Answer:

The statistic you mention was one that Resurgo developed from the data provided. The statistics in the Data Lab reports focus only on the programme participants and a comparison pool.

[16:20] Sam Burbidge

is there a forum for sharing the learnings?

Data Lab Answer:

No formal forum has been developed other than meetings such as this one. We would be keen to do these again once more reports have been published.

[16:27] Maya Reggev

This sounds like a great way for non-profits and others who have employability programmes to get the elusive data about long-term results. But as we know getting into employment have many variants influencing it, and employability programmes give much more than only getting into employment. Have you thought about safeguarding against policy makers/funders being informed only by this new (and great!) tool?

Data Lab Answer:

Really good question and one we need to continue to reflect on. We are aware that the Data Lab is only able to explore a small number of hard(ish) outcome measures and cannot cover the wide range of benefits that a programme might have. We try to be up front about this and give each organisation an opportunity to comment within each report that is published.

[16:29] Sam Burbidge

how long are the evaluations likely to take?

Data Lab Answer

It is hard to give a precise figure now, but certainly several months. There are a few factors that can affect the time it takes from the capacity of the team to the availability of data. For example, it may be necessary to wait a few months for the latest data to be available.

[16:31] Laura Benfield

Resources at <https://ersa.org.uk/dwpdataalab>

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The 'Employment Data Lab and sharing data for research' Workshop