

Background

The 2011 UK Census is estimated to cost in excess of £500m. This, together with concerns about timeliness, has led to the government investigating alternative approaches to acquiring information on the population. However, the census also provides a framework for considerable social analysis. It is thus vital that the impact of any replacement to the census on the scope of social research is fully taken into account.

This conference seeks to contribute to this conversation by examining:

- the use of administrative data and the research based on it in Scandinavia
- the existing use of administrative data in the British Isles
- the potential use of survey data.

It is anticipated that the audience would be comprised of academics involved in social science research, government statisticians and policy makers currently involved in the census or using its results; politicians and those working in the voluntary sector concerned with social needs.

Costs: £50 per head. A light lunch will be provided, together with tea and coffee at the other breaks. A buffet will be served after the panel discussion that will give an opportunity for informal discussion.

Booking: For any further information and booking please email

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Life after the Census: Using Administrative Data to Analyse Society

A Conference organised by the Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study Research Forum

Wednesday 9 May 2012

Belfast Campus

University of Ulster



Titanic Building

Programme

Conference Overview

Pat McGregor, Chairman, NILSRF

9:00 – 10:30

Alternative frameworks to a census

1. Alistair Calder, Beyond 2011, Office for National Statistics
Current thinking on the future of the Census
2. Kaija Ruotsalainen
Population Statistics Department,
Statistics Finland
The Finnish Social Statistics System and its Potential
3. Gillian Harper
Operations Director,
Mayhew Harper Associates
Using Administrative Data to Count Local Populations in England

11:00 – 12:00

Research without a census: The Scandinavian experience

1. Gunnar Malmberg Professor,
Social and Economic Geography,
Umeå University
Some examples of longitudinal analysis using Swedish data

2. Ilmo Keskimäki Research Professor,
National Institute for Health and Welfare, Helsinki
Using administrative registers to measure equity in access to and outcomes from health care

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch (at venue)

1:00 – 2:00

The potential use of survey material

1. Padraig Dalton Assistant Director General, Central Statistics Office Ireland
Exploiting a large household survey: The Irish model
2. Mark Birkin Professor, School of Geography, University of Leeds
The potential of simulation for administrative data and social research

2:00 – 3:45

The Utilization of Administrative Records in the British Isles

1. Chris Dibben Director,
Longitudinal Studies Centre,
Scotland
Current developments in the Scottish Longitudinal Study

2. Claire Boag Project Manager,
Scottish Longitudinal Study
Linking education records in the Scottish Longitudinal Study
3. Les Mayhew Professor, Cass BS,
City University London
Sources and uses of local administrative data for planning, needs analysis and service delivery

4:00 – 5:00 Panel Discussion

The Census Sacked: A Return of the Vikings?

Chair Robert Beatty, NISRA

This will be introduced by a short presentation on the principal alternatives.



Giant's Causeway