Measuring the economic and social impact of career development work as a lever for change to level up outcomes across Wales





What benefits would measuring economic and social value give us?





Who would it influence as a lever?





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What challenges could it give us as a lever?

Not finding any impact

How measurable?

some of it is quite complicated for the layperson .. needs to be simplified

Competitive funding environment

Risk of shifting focus to "what gets measured" not the whole picture

Dangers of payment by results

Limited funding to implement

It can be hard to find the platform to share the info, and it is complicated, so people may not feel confident that it is right. Also there are not just economic benefits, even though they are often most valued.

Further investment required as gaps identified



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What challenges could it give us as a lever?

Measure what counts or count what can be measured?

Initial data could help prioritise ways forward

Process of gathering evidence is costly and time consuming

Funding and time to pull all this together

Economic indicators favored by England, not so focused on social values and Welsh context

Simple tools that can be applied quickly.



How can we mitigate these challenges?

Evaluate throughout

Don't over promise

Convince those in positions in power that it is worth doing

Documented transparency about scope / limits / what isn't covered

Tie benefits to WG strategy-Prosperity for all

Collect and analyse data

Ensure WG and other important institution buy-in

Data sharing across organisations. A shared language to describe outcomes

So what next?





How can we mitigate these challenges?

Simple tools that can easily be applied regularly

4 nation approach to share good practice



What next steps do we need to take?

Use the TOMs

Synergise the proposals from today to take forward

Research piece - maybe seek funding ?Good PhD topic for Careers Wales

Do we need to review what work is being done across organisations in Wales. In Careers wales we are working with Wiserd with whom we share all our data

Build long list of possible research / data projects then prioritise

