

Free support with economic evaluations for organisations working with children at risk of exclusion in Greater Manchester

Pro Bono Economics, #BeeWell and Porticus are collaborating to strengthen the economic case for interventions to support young people at risk of permanent school exclusion.

Please [register for our virtual launch event](#) at 09:30 on the 23rd February to find out more about this initiative.

Why are we doing this?

Whilst traditional economic evaluations in the education sector tend to be focused on academic outcomes or savings to public services, we intend to draw on [recent guidance from the Treasury](#) to place a value on improvements in the wellbeing of young people. This will strengthen the economic case by incorporating benefits that are traditionally ignored and put the young people's quality of life at the centre of our work.

In the near term we hope this will help strengthen the case for support for interventions working with this group. Over the longer-term, our ambition is that by demonstrating the feasibility of this as an approach we can help to establish wellbeing as a central part of economic assessments for interventions with young people in the future.

What are we hoping to do?

We would like to collaborate with one or two organisations working in the Greater Manchester area to provide a free economic evaluation based on their impact on young people's wellbeing. If successful, this will help to communicate their impact in robust monetary terms to enhance their case for support with potential funders.

What sort of organisations are we looking for?

To qualify for this free support with economic evaluation your organisation needs a pre-existing programme in place in the Greater Manchester area that:

- Works with a minimum of around 50 young people per year, living in the Greater Manchester Area, aged between 12 and 15
- Has permission to securely share information about the young people you're supporting with third parties for the purposes of evaluation. This could include: name, date of birth, school attended and any outcome measures currently captured.

- Works with young people at risk of exclusion, this could include (but is not limited to) young people with: Special Educational Needs, persistent absence, in Local Authority Care, identified as a child in need or those on a child protection plan.
- Is delivering an intervention focused on reducing exclusions or improving young people's wellbeing, as evidenced by a Theory of Change or logic model related to these issues.
- Already has sufficient funding to provide up to 15 days of support for this work from within their organisation (unfortunately we cannot offer additional funding to participate in this pilot).

If you'd like to know more then please contact Pro Bono Economics' Chief Economist at jon.franklin@probonoeconomics.com