

Carnegie UK 2022/23: Year in Review



Putting wellbeing at the centre of decision-making

Carnegie UK's work with the North of Tyne combined authority has seen the regional government adopt processes designed to prioritise wellbeing. We're producing a guide to help all spheres of government learn from their example.

Research by Carnegie UK revealed that the democratic wellbeing of England is in crisis, with less than half of the public saying that democracy works well.

Tackling threats to wellbeing

New research revealed the threat to long-term wellbeing from the rising cost of living. The study, cited in the Scottish Parliament, found that UK adults were cutting down on healthy eating and socialising with friends due to rising costs.

Detailed policy work by Carnegie UK to tackle harm online culminated in proposed UK-wide legislation. Working with partners, our evidence and briefings has been described as vital by parliamentarians.

Living our values

Carnegie UK has managed an 80% reduction in carbon emissions since 2019. We've also reshaped our investment portfolio to reflect our values. Our new policy recognises the damage that exploitative and extractive practices have had on people and planet and commits Carnegie UK to addressing these in our investments.

We worked with a partner organisation to explore our role in delivering a more liberated, inclusive and equal society. We are supporting a piece of research exploring how to reflect racial justice in our investments.

Preparing for the future

Following a successful pilot in 2020 called Gross Domestic Wellbeing (GDWe), we've used this year to prepare to launch a new UK-wide metric of social progress. The Life in the UK Index will launch in 2023. The research will be designed to kickstart a debate about putting what matters to people at the centre of decision-making.

David Emerson became our new chair, succeeding Sir John Elvidge who completed a five-year term. Over the year, five new staff members joined our team.

