

# Supporting People in the North East (SPiNE)

## An ESF funded research project

Recent changes in global demographic behaviour and increasing mobility across European borders has created a greater freedom for people to live and work where they choose. The North-East of England has experienced one of the most dramatic proportional increases in migrant population in the last two decades but it remains unclear whether the region, local employers and migrants themselves are benefitting fully from the opportunities inward migration can bring.

With funding from the European Social Fund programme, the University of Sunderland is leading a two year research project to test and deliver solutions to the employment and skills issues facing the North East as population trends change.

In collaboration with the North East Strategic Migration Partnership the University will analyse changes to the population through migration and support efforts to harness the opportunities and benefits from inward migration by developing and piloting innovative ways of matching the skills of migrant workers with the needs of regional employers.



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