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Recent journal articles & books (database searches)

A selection of articles published between October 2025 - December 2025, relating to Anchor Organisations and Community Wealth Building.

These references were retrieved by searching the bibliographic databases: Medline, Scopus and ProQuest Sociology Collection.

Search criteria are available upon request from Knowledge Services and will be reviewed regularly to consider appropriateness and/or new areas of interest.

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Degrowth

- Krpan D, Basso F, Hickel JE, Kallis G. **Assessing public support for degrowth: survey-based experimental and predictive studies**. Lancet Planet Health 2025;9:101326.

This study aimed to investigate public support for the full degrowth proposal in the UK and USA.

Further Education

- Jeffrey C. **Builder, broker, beacon and base: universities as anchor institutions**. Prog Hum Geogr 2025;49:581–98. (issue published December 2025).

This paper examines universities as anchor institutions to contribute to geographies of education and geographies of embeddedness.

- Martin A, Shepherd W, Davies P, Murray A. **Empowering local economies: community consultancy for sustainable cities and communities**. JPAAP 2025;13.

Explores the role of university-led community consultancy in supporting small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and advancing inclusive, place-based economic development.

Wellbeing Economy

- McCartney G, Büchs M, Hensher M, Mazzei M. **What is a Wellbeing Economy, and what might its impact be on population health?** Lancet Public Health 2025;10:e879–89.

Looks at what a wellbeing economy is and discusses similar related ideas. Discusses potential routes to creating a wellbeing economy and looks at how its implementation could lead help to solve various environmental and population health issues.

Workforce

Barnes A, Cartwright C, Kennedy K, Formby A. **Creating a healthier economy: a rapid evidence review of inequalities in flexible working arrangements in the UK.** Public Health Pract (Oxf) 2025;10:100649.

Flexible working is one way to help create a healthier economy. This article identifies and summarises evidence about inequalities in access to flexible working arrangements in the UK and implications for health and wellbeing.

Gerdes R, Jackson TD, Roberts R, Lytvyak E, Deibert D, Dennett L, et al. **Associations between employment and health outcomes: a systematic review of reviews.** J Occup Rehabil 2026.

This systematic review aimed to provide a current summary of the links between employment status and health.

Recent reports and news (grey literature)

A rundown of recent publications from key organisations, published between October 2025 - December 2025.

Anchor Networks

- The Centre for Local Economic Strategies. **Five lessons about anchor networks.** CLES, October 2025.

Discusses the output of a meeting of seven anchor networks in London and outlines five lessons from these discussions.

Business

- Health Anchors Learning Network. **Making health everyone's business: exploring the role of Chambers of Commerce in supporting anchor initiatives.** HALN, October 2025.

Explores the role the Chambers of Commerce is playing in bringing businesses and anchor organisations together to improve health and wellbeing in local communities.

Circular Economy

- The Scottish Government. **Draft circular economy strategy: initial child rights and wellbeing impact consideration.** The Scottish Government, October 2025.

The initial child rights and wellbeing impact consideration for the Scottish Government's draft circular economy strategy.

Health Services

- Health Anchors Learning Network. **Leveraging the power of apprenticeships in Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.** HALN, November 2025.

Explains how NHS Northumbria Healthcare Foundation Trust has designed a more inclusive approach to delivering apprenticeships to widen access to employment and training opportunities in the NHS for local people.

Inclusive Growth

- Growth and Reform Network. [Healthy Places, Inclusive Growth: realising the potential of devolution](#). Growth and Reform Network, 2025.

This policy report focuses on the role of national government in creating the conditions for integrating health and economic development at place level.

Local Authorities

- Health Anchors Learning Network. [Local councils: driving innovation in anchor work](#). HALN, November 2025.

Explains how councils are involved in anchor work and the impact this is having.

- Local Government Association. [A force for growth: spotlighting the role of councils in enabling inclusive economic growth](#). Local Government Association, December 2025.

This report identifies the essential role that councils have in underpinning inclusive growth.

Wellbeing Economy

- The Scottish Government. [Wellbeing Economy Governments Partnership: annual engagement report](#). The Scottish Government, December 2025.

The Wellbeing Economy Governments Partnership is a collaborative initiative where member countries work together to embed wellbeing approaches in policy. This is the second annual engagement report detailing the activities undertaken.

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