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Outputs from key organisations and new evidence relating to anchor institutions and community wealth building in Scotland and the UK.

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Recent peer-reviewed journal articles

A selection of publications published between July and September 2026 relating to Anchor Institutions and Community Wealth Building. Search criteria are available upon request from Knowledge Services and will be reviewed regularly to consider appropriateness and/or new areas of interest.

The searches are undertaken by PHS Knowledge Services. If you need any help with obtaining the full text of any of the articles, please contact **phs.knowledge@phs.scot**

Devolution

● Hann D, Nash D. **London calling: devolution and the London Living Wage campaign**. Industrial Relations Journal. 2026;57(4)259–73.
Examines the role of devolution in shaping employment relations. Looks at a case study on the Living Wage in London.

Sustainable Growth

● Elsayed AH, Khalfaoui R, Zhou Y. **Environmental policy stringency and innovation: unlocking sustainable growth in G20 economies**. Business Strategy and the Environment. 2026;35(6)7756–80.
Explores the interrelationships among environmental policy stringency, environmental technology, and research and development expenditure in sustainable development within the G20 economies.

Wellbeing Economy

● Rodríguez-Feria P, Czabanowska K, Dyakova M, Giraldo-Noack N, Clemens T. **Towards a competency framework for wellbeing economy in public health: a scoping review**. Public health reviews. 2026;471609947.
This scoping review aims to develop a competency framework based on the four wellbeing economy capitals, to support education and training for public health professionals.

Recent grey literature - reports and publications from key organisations

Publications and reports from key organisations published between July and September 2026.

Anchor Networks

● Health Anchors Learning Network. **Delivering social value through ownership and employment: the Pennine Healthcare story**. HALN; 2026.
A case study looking at how a medium-sized business- Pennine Healthcare- has put its commitment to social value into practice by focusing on who owns the business, and who it employs.

● Health Anchors Learning Network. **Partnering with social enterprises to deliver retail catering across the NHS Lothian estate**. HALN; 2026.
As part of its mission to become an anchor institution, NHS Lothian reviewed different ways to run catering services on its estate, with an aim to create opportunities for local people and keep more value in the local economy. Explains how the organisation put its plan into action.

● Public Health Scotland. **Anchors progression framework**. Public Health Scotland; 2026 Sep 1.
Download the Anchors Progression Framework and associated files to assess your organisation in its community wealth building efforts.

● Public Health Scotland. **Theory of Change - Anchors and community wealth building**. Public Health Scotland; 2026 Sep 1.
The Theory of Change describes how action across the community wealth building pillars can contribute to stronger local economies, reduced inequalities and improved wellbeing.

Business

● Centre for Local Economies. **Extraction in the Welsh learning disability supported living ecosystem**. CLES; 2026.
This report looks at providers of Learning Disability supported living, residential care and shared lives work to examine the extent and nature of profit making and extraction in service provision in Wales.

Community Wealth Building

● Centre for Local Economies. **Aligning community wealth building with just transitions**. CLES; 2026 Sep 22.
This guide is designed to help organisations better understand community wealth building and net zero.

● Centre for Local Economies. **Child poverty and community wealth building in Preston**. CLES; 2026 Jul 28.
This report examines why Preston appears to have performed more favourably than many comparable places on child poverty and what may explain this.

● Centre for Local Economies. **Resilient, thriving and healthy: building community wealth in York and North Yorkshire**. CLES; 2026 Jul 15.
This report sets out the findings of the York and North Yorkshire Community Wealth Building Commission. It offers a practical roadmap for tackling inequality, strengthening local economies and ensuring wealth generated in the region is retained.

Economics

● Centre for Local Economies. **A ten-point plan for ending trickle-down economics**. CLES; 2026 Jul 11.
Andy Burnham's first 100 days as prime minister will show whether he intends to soften Britain's economic model or change its operating system. The author sets out a 10-step plan for delivery.

Further Education

● NHS Employers. **Making links between health and care and further education**. NHS Employers; 2026 July 2.
Explains how health and care and further education should work together, building better links to ensure a strong talent pipeline for the NHS.

Housing

● David Hume Institute. **The story so far: housing associations and the Scottish Economy**. David Hume Institute; 2026 Sep.
Discusses the economic contribution of Scotland's housing associations and argues that their role needs to be better recognised by government. Explains that there is insufficient research showing how housing associations contribute to social inclusion, community wealth, net zero and the wider Scottish economy.

Inclusive Growth

● Centre for Local Economies. **Economic growth: Growing what, and for who?** CLES; 2026 Sep 2.
The author discusses her take on the recent Programme for Government set out by the Scottish Government, which puts community wealth building at its heart, but she argues, fails to address the required 'rewiring' of the economy.

● Centre for Local Economies. **Re-owning our future**. CLES; 2026 Sep 9.
Looks at the lessons in "good growth" that can be learned from Canada.

Local Authorities

● Co-operatives UK. **Enabling local co-operative growth: the role of local and regional government in co-operative development in the UK**. Co-operatives UK; 2026 Jul 8.
Explains how local governments – including strategic authorities, city regions and councils – can help deliver the UK government's commitment to double the size of the co-operative and mutual sector.

● Local Policy Innovation Partnership Hub (LPIP). **Local innovations, shared lessons: unpacking HDRC community engagement and partnership working in London**. Local Policy Innovation Partnership Hub (LPIP); 2026.
This report focuses on public and partner engagement across London's Health Determinants Research Collaborations (HDRCs) and comparator boroughs and evaluates how well local authorities are reshaping collaborative networks to address health inequalities.

Local Regeneration

● Centre for Local Economies. **Rethinking property-led regeneration**. CLES; 2026 Aug 5.
This publication challenges conventional property-led regeneration and sets out a new approach to urban development that delivers greater social, economic and environmental value for local communities. Includes a free downloadable tool.

● Centre for Local Economies. **Time for strategy built on the foundational economy**. CLES; 2026 July 6.
Argues that the North East's foundational economy – from care and housing to food, construction and transport – is its overlooked economic strength. The author believes that placing these sectors at the heart of local strategy could unlock jobs, stronger local businesses and a more inclusive, resilient economy.

● Centre for London. **Making regeneration work for London's communities**. Centre for London; 2026 Sep 16.
Discusses how regeneration and development can support community wealth building in the context of regeneration and development, with a particular focus on London's Black and minoritised communities.

● Joseph Rowntree Foundation. **Essential but unequal: the need for social infrastructure in every place**. JRF; 2026 Sep 15.
Examines the role of social infrastructure - community spaces, groups, organisations and activities - in supporting economic security, resilience and local participation across England.

Place-based Innovation

● Connected Places Catapult. **Local empowerment by co-creating place-based challenge-driven opportunities: lessons from the West Midlands Innovation Accelerator Pilot**. Connected Places Catapult; 2026.
This research explores the West Midlands Innovation Accelerator pilot, a programme designed to connect public sector organisations, businesses and innovators around shared regional challenges.

Local Policy Innovation Partnership Hub (LPIP). **Communities in their places: evidence review**. Local Policy Innovation Partnership Hub (LPIP); 2026.
Offers a state-of-play on the current policy landscapes and debates relating to effective place-based partnerships across the seven primary themes of the Local Policy Innovation Programme (LPIP).

Wellbeing Economy

● Carnegie UK Trust. **From monitoring to meaning: the next phase of Ireland's wellbeing framework**. Carnegie UK Trust; 2026 Aug 24.
Examines how far Ireland's wellbeing framework has influenced government policy and spending decisions, and draws on experience from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to inform the next stage.

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