**This Working Life**

Welcome to this new web site which is about the jobs done by everyone who lives and works in England and Wales. The information upon which it is based is collected by the UK Government's Office of National Statistics (ONS) by means of its Annual household Survey. Similar data is collected published by the devolved governments.

Every ten years the government conducts a census of all households in the United Kingdom that is as close to 100% accurate as it could be. The Household Survey fills in the data gap in the decade between census reports during the census data becomes increasingly out of date.

Although sampled data, the sample size used by the Household Survey is large enough ensure 95% accurate for most of its data, and where it is not this accurate the government does not published it. The data from this survey is used by all government departments to determine social and economic needs of the population and its communities, and to shape the policies and plans needed to meet those needs in England and Wales. Some of the data from the survey is collated by the ONS and Durham University, along with information about salaries, working hours and training to create a Labour Force Survey which is published on the **NOMIS** website.

One of the things that makes the Labour Force Survey so valuable Government, employers, investors, public health, trades unions, campaigners for social justice is the framework that holds it together. That is the set of *Standardised Occupational Categories* (SOC) into which any job role undertaken in the UK can be placed. And during the Covid – 19 Pandemic the ONS made unprecedented data about the virus' variable impact on people in those job roles.

The Covid -19 pandemic radically changed our lives, and some of the most dramatic and possibly most enduring changes, have been to our working lives and our attitude to work. The debate is just beginning amongst the pandemic's survivors about what work we value, how we value work and worker. The outcome of those debates will determine how much social injustice will be tolerable in the future.

This Working Life aims to re-presenting the workforce, health and social justice data in a way will illuminate the discussion. Any process of change, improvement and adaptation needs to have a clear picture of its starting point. In this version of the site we do this by establishing and presenting the pre-covid baseline, for all 369 types of jobs that we do and then mapping the risks and impacts of the pandemic.