

# **Anchor Institutions and Community Wealth Building Bulletin**

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relating to Anchor Institutions and Community  
Wealth Building in Scotland and the UK**

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## Recent journal articles & books (database searches)

A selection of articles published between January 2026 - March 2026, 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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### Community Wealth Building

- Lacey-Barnacle M, Atkins E, Radcliffe E, Boucher M. **Reframing green prosperity: integrating sustainability and just transitions into Community Wealth Building**. Environmental Innovation and Societal Transitions 2026;59:101077.

Advocates for the integration of sustainability and just transitions thinking into Community Wealth Building.

### Inclusive Economy

- Lomax N, Rice HP, Hoehn A, Hughes C, Heppenstall A, Eisenbroich C, et al. **An inclusive economy classification of British local authority districts and assessment of its association with life expectancy and lifespan variation**. Popul Space Place 2026;32.

This research used open-source data to develop 13 indicators to help consistently capture the concept of the inclusive economy across Local Authority Districts in Great Britain.

## **Inclusive Growth**

- Dorpalen BD, Gallou E. **How does heritage contribute to inclusive growth?** J of Cult Her Man and Sust Dev 2026;16:156–71.

Examines how the cultural heritage sector can contribute to inclusive growth.

## **Measuring Impact**

- Heys R, Bhardwaj H, Taylor C. **How to measure a good life – tips for moving beyond GDP.** Nature 2026;651:883–6.

Offers insights from UK efforts to build on Gross Domestic Product to measure economic welfare using national statistics and standard economic tools.

- Wattal V, Camacho C, Gkiouleka A, Ford JA, Munford LA. **How to measure the effectiveness of healthcare providers acting as an “anchor institution”: a case study of the NHS in Greater Manchester, England.** BMJ Open 2026;16:e111328.

There is a clear policy mandate on the NHS in England becoming an anchor organisation but less is known about specific indicators to measure and benchmark anchor organisation performance. The authors developed a set of metrics to quantify anchor activity, using the Greater Manchester (GM) region in England as a case study.

## **Social Investment**

- Purna N, Tuckerman L, Abdul Rahman S. **Can social investment empower social innovation? a comparative discourse analysis of UK and Scottish policy.**

J Soc Policy 2026;55:242–60.

Aimed to extract discursive policy framings of social investment by comparing the UK and Scottish Government policies to identify the use of social investment and its implications on social innovation.

## Recent reports and news (grey literature)

A rundown of recent publications from key organisations, published between January 2026 - March 2026.

### Anchor Networks

- Health Anchors Learning Network. **Homes to Live Well: amplifying the impact of housing providers as anchors through regional partnership**. HALN, 2026.

Greater Manchester Housing Providers (GMHP) is a network of 27 housing providers, working together to improve the lives of people and communities across Manchester. GMHP works collaboratively with Greater Manchester Combined Authority and NHS Greater Manchester to implement the Greater Manchester Tripartite Agreement to deliver solutions to housing and health issues.

- Health Anchors Learning Network. **Learning and adapting in the Bay Anchor Network**. HALN, 2026.

Describes how the Bay Anchor Network (Morecambe Bay) highlights the wide range of positive outcomes that can be achieved through collaboration.

### Inclusive Growth

- Public Health Scotland. **CHIA case study: East Kilbride Town Centre Masterplan – Centre West**. PHS, 2026.

This is a case study of a Capital Investment Health Impact Assessment (CHIA). The CHIA was used to apply health impact assessment principles to capital planning to support inclusive growth and reduce health inequalities.

- UK Government. **Local Growth Fund (Scotland) Prospectus**. UK Government, 2026.

The focus of this prospectus is to set out how the UK Government will empower regional partnerships to design and deliver their Local Growth Fund Investment Plans.

## Place-based Investment

- Economic and Social Research Council. [Framing a place-based investment strategy for South Tyneside](#). UKRI, 2026.

Examines how a place-based investment strategy could enhance productivity and wellbeing in South Tyneside.

## Procurement

- Innovation Procurement Empowerment Centre. [Local approaches to public procurement: evidence from local procurement practices](#). IPEC, 2026.

Explores how public procurement can support local economies

While remaining compliant with the Procurement Act 2023. Discusses the challenge of improving social value outcomes from public contracts, and the potential role of anchor institutions as employers and purchasers.

## Transport

- Health Anchors Learning Network. [Healthy travel charters: supporting healthier, greener travel in Wales](#). HALN, 2026.

The Healthy Travel Charters in Wales shows how anchor institutions can work through place-based partnerships to shape healthier, more sustainable travel behaviour for staff and visitors, while contributing to wider goals relating to health improvement, reducing inequalities, and decarbonisation.

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