

Teaching using 'Measuring the Economy'

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'Measuring the Economy' is an online textbook produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) which aims to explain key economic concepts and how these apply in real life, including the new challenges and opportunities of measuring the modern economy. We now have produced much of the teaching material, covering the theory and practice of how we measure gross domestic product (GDP), price inflation, the labour market to name a few. We are keen to show the efforts of our research in how we have gone about producing the teaching material so far as well as how we can work with the academic profession in delivering how this textbook might be taught to Economics undergraduates. We hope that by interacting with participants at the Developments in Economics Education Conference that we understand how we can respond to the user needs of lecturers and students, so that we can improve the teaching offer.

We would welcome the opportunity to create a workshop session of two parts; The first part will give a short overview of the project and the chapters available with the intention of gaining feedback around the content and whether participants would like any more information. The second part would be to demonstrate the use of the book in a practical environment. We would aim to guide participants through a particular chapter, give hands-on demonstrations of the data and information available to show how the book can be used to enhance the teaching of economic measurement.