

'Good work' in food, farming and rural communities: first look at Populus polling data

We are keen to explore what a focus on 'good work' can contribute to the strategic discussion of how to build a workforce fit for the future in agriculture and horticulture.

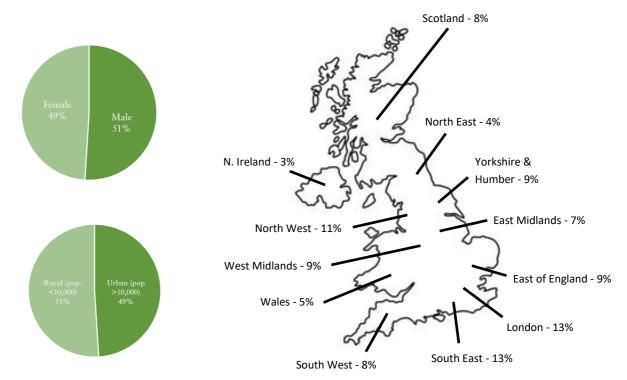
Does a person-centred perspective – understanding what people want and need from their working lives – reveal new opportunities to develop attractive opportunities for good work in farming, rural communities and the food sector?

Could such an approach highlight latent features of land-based work that are potentially attractive to young people, or place-based opportunities to develop careers across sectors?

This note summarises initial observations. Further analysis will follow. Please do not circulate.

Who responded to our survey

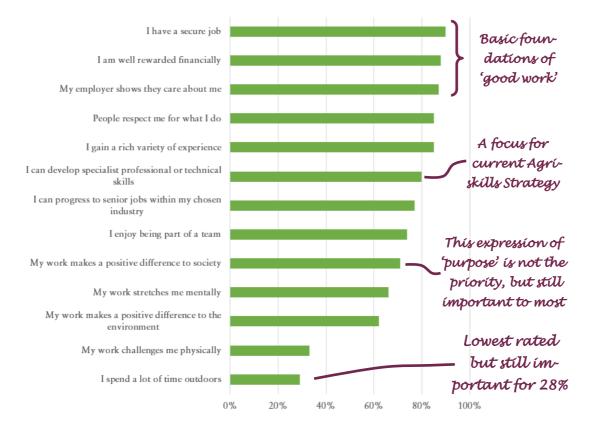
This survey of young people aged 16-24 had 1,006 respondents, across a representative spread of social groups and educational attainment level.



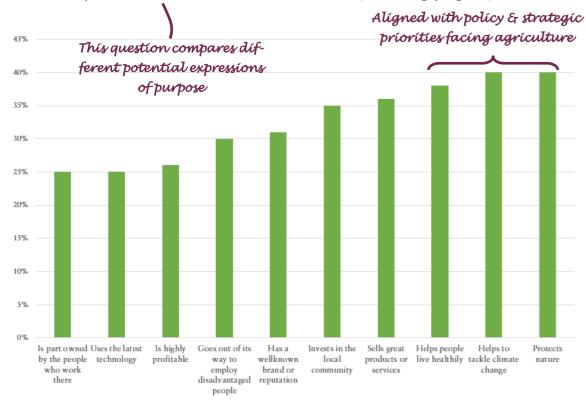




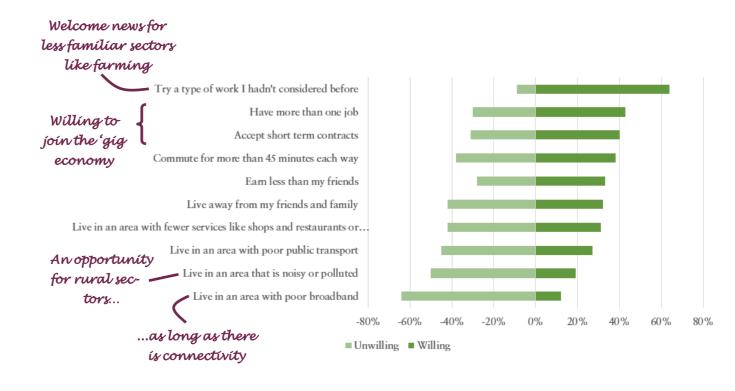
Thinking about your ideal working situation, how important or not are the following? (% important)



I would be proud to work for a business that.... (% strongly agree)



For your ideal working situation, how willing or unwilling would you be to do the following?



Imagine you have two opportunities for work that are the same in every way but one. Which would you choose?

