

The *More jobs, better jobs* partnership sits at the heart of JRF's wider Cities, growth and poverty research programme, which aims to:

- better understand the relationship between poverty and the economy at a city region level;
- identify what can be done, by whom, at city level to create more and better jobs that help lift people and places out of poverty;
- make a compelling, practical case for change: why and how cities should link growth and poverty;
- make addressing poverty a more integral part of local growth strategies and city growth.

JRF is a social policy research charity, funding a UK-wide programme of research and development on issues of poverty, place and ageing society.

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# MORE JOBS, BETTER JOBS

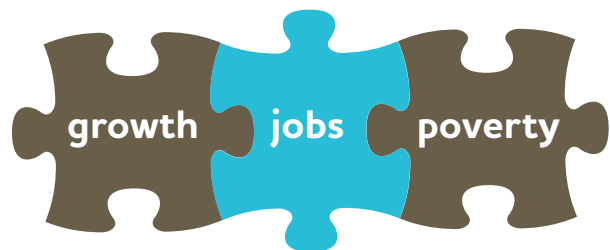
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## Introduction

When a city's economy grows, it doesn't mean everyone is better off. Some people and parts of cities remain cut off from the prosperity and jobs that growth can bring.

JRF has formed a partnership with Leeds City Council and Leeds City Region to understand more fully why this is and what can be done to change it. We've called this partnership 'More jobs, better jobs', because we recognise that the quality of jobs matters as much as the number of jobs.



Together we will commission and manage practical research that can shape policy and services in the Leeds area, and share what we learn with other cities.

## More jobs, better jobs in numbers

### Across Leeds City Region:

#### *Growth and jobs*

- Over half a million job opportunities are anticipated across the city region by 2020.
- 1.4 million people are employed – higher than the pre-recession peak.

#### *Poverty*

- There are 187,000 workless households in the region – 18.5 per cent of households (compared to 17.5 per cent of households in England).
- Around 130,000 residents are unemployed and 450,000 are economically inactive.



### In Leeds:

#### *Jobs*

- 50,000 new jobs are anticipated by 2020.
- The top 10 per cent of residents are paid at least £44,000 per year, more than six times more than the bottom 10 per cent, who are paid £7,000 or less.
- In 2013, almost 68,000 jobs – just under 20 per cent of all jobs in Leeds – paid less than the recommended living wage of £7.65/hour.
- 23.2 per cent of people aged 16 and over have no formal qualifications.

#### *Poverty*

- 65,500 (22 per cent) of households in Leeds are estimated to be living in poverty.
- 45 per cent of working-age households claim Tax Credits or other benefits.
- Over 150,000 people in Leeds live in areas that are ranked among the 10 per cent most deprived nationally. That's 20 per cent of the city's population.