

# Yorkshire and Humber migration research network members

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This is a list of network members who are engaged in migration research in the Yorkshire and Humber region, and have agreed to publicly share their details. Clicking on a name will take you to further details about that person. This page can also be used to post members' latest news or updates that may be of interest to the network as a whole - please email us with relevant details.

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