



World Statistics Day celebrations in United Kingdom

The Office for National Statistics, Government Statistical Service (GSS) and Devolved Administrations in the United Kingdom are preparing a programme of events and activities to raise awareness of the importance of official statistics and the work of statisticians across government.

Office for National Statistics

- produce and issue a news release about WSD
- publicise WSD on internet and intranet sites
- produce and publish case studies showing how statistics have been used
- hold a series of talks and exhibitions at Newport and Titchfield sites for ONS and GSS staff
- sell-in interviews with statisticians on local radio and key regional press and broadcast media
- a special menu of the most (statistically!) popular dishes at ONS sites to celebrate the Day with bespoke menus
- creation of a giant WSD logo at the entrance to the Newport HQ

Government Statistical Service

- Case studies to appear on the National Statistician's internet and GSS Intranet
- Department for International Development (DfID) are producing international case studies, one based on statistics used in Malawi
- DfID will be holding exhibitions at their offices
- DfID will be holding a seminar on the importance of statistics - speakers to include Dr Luay Shabaneh (Head of Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics) and Richard Horton (editor-in-chief, the Lancet)
- Department for Culture Media and Sport will be putting information on their intranet and website with links to ONS, Royal Statistical Society (RSS) and UN World Statistics Day web pages
- Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) will be organising a small exhibition in the atrium of their Benton Park View office in Newcastle
- DWP are arranging a joint meeting of the Newcastle GSS Statisticians Group and the North-East Royal Statistical Society group

Devolved Administrations

Northern Ireland Statistical and Research Agency (NISRA)

- Minister or Chief Statistician appearing on local morning news to publicise the day and also the 2011 Census
- Pre-prepared NI Statistical Facts column for the daily newspapers.
- Statistics Posters in each Government building at reception some general 'fun' facts and some related to that Department.
- Launch of NISRA Facebook Page.
- Offer NISRA's statistical and research services to community and voluntary organisations for the day through Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action (NICVA)



Scotland

- Seminar provided by the Applied Quantitative Methods Network marking the achievements of official statistics in Scotland; how the Office of the Chief Statistician has developed over the years; and how official statistics are used in the outside world. Rob Wishart, Chief Statistician, and Neil Jackson, UK Statistics Authority Assessment team, will be speaking at the conference.

Welsh Assembly Government (WAG)

- WAG are displaying information about statistics over the years in the foyer of their main building, to remind staff of the importance of official statistics
- Running a series of sessions for Welsh Assembly Government staff relating to finding and using statistics, including a statistical quiz for staff
- Highlighting World Statistics Day on its statistical webpages and communicating with educational establishments in Wales about the day
- Linking with local Royal Statistical Society events, Government Statistical Service and local Office for National Statistics activities

Also see WSD activities organized by the UK's [Royal Statistical Society](#)

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