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ippr north has a broad remit. At any one time we are conducting major research projects, writing reports, taking part in public debates and holding seminars and conferences. Our aim is to be a force for change by delivering far-reaching and realistic policy solutions that we hope will produce a fairer, more inclusive and more environmentally sustainable society.

We aim to involve as wide a range of stakeholders as possible in exploring these issues. The importance of local and sub-regional issues cannot be overestimated. ippr north is working to build networks throughout the North of England in urban, rural and coalfield communities. It is crucial that this is not simply a resource for existing political elites, particularly as one of our aims is to explore how to reinvigorate civil society in its broader sense.

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