

## Researcher

**Social Life is a social enterprise, set up in 2012 by the Young Foundation.**

Our mission is to reconnect placemaking with the everyday experience of people and neighbourhoods. We work internationally with communities, built environment professionals, public agencies and governments, putting people and social need at the heart of the way cities, towns and new developments are planned, developed and managed.

**We are looking for an energetic, creative and efficient person with excellent quantitative research skills, a fascination with using data creatively and a commitment to the type of work we do to be our new Researcher.**

**Our work draws on a variety of research methods, and with this new post we hope to strengthen our in-house quantitative research capacity to complement our team's strong qualitative skills.**

**This job is being offered on a six-month contract, we may be able to extend this after this first period, depending on funding and income generation.**

The job will include:

- working on particular projects including quantitative research, secondary data analysis, data mapping and visualisation
- project managing and taking responsibility for small projects and initiatives
- supporting the wider team on qualitative research and practical projects
- taking part in the day to day management and administration of the Social Life office.

We are looking for someone with:

- a good understanding of Social Life's work and what motivates us
- excellent knowledge of and experience in data analysis using excel and preferably SPSS
- strong knowledge of UK datasets, particularly those used to carry out socio-economic studies
- knowledge and experience of data mapping and visualisation, using open-sourced software such as QGIS, Carto, etc
- some knowledge of planning, urbanism, housing, community development or a related field of Social Life's work
- ideally qualitative research experience, but if not the enthusiasm and proven capability of supporting qualitative research
- excellent written and verbal communication skills, and the ability to deal with challenging situations and stakeholders in a sensitive manner
- confidence and initiative to spot what needs to be done, to deal with ambiguity and to work creatively
- someone who can work collaboratively in our small friendly team
- *Desirable*: design skills - experience designing reports and other materials in InDesign.

We can offer:

- an opportunity to develop your skills and experience
- a friendly supportive working environment
- a salary of £20,000 to £25,000 (pro rata), depending on experience
- flexibility, we understand that people have other commitments and we could consider a four or five day working week.

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