

## Researcher

Social Life was created by the Young Foundation in 2012, to become a specialist centre of research and innovation about the social life of communities. Our work is about understanding how peoples' day-to-day experience of local places is shaped by the built environment - housing, public spaces, parks and local high streets - and how change, through regeneration, new development or small improvements to public spaces, affects the social fabric, opportunities and wellbeing of local areas. We are looking for an energetic, creative and efficient person with a strong commitment to the type of work we do to be our new Researcher.

This job is being offered on a six-month contract, we hope to be able to extend this after this initial period.

### The job will include:

- working on particular projects alongside other staff, which could include qualitative research, data analysis or carrying out practical projects in local areas
- taking responsibility for small projects and initiatives
- alongside the wider team, 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
- good knowledge of UK approaches to planning, urbanism, community development or a related field of Social Life's work
- a range of research experience, preferably including both qualitative and quantitative methods
- excellent written and verbal communication skills, and the ability to deal with challenging situations and stakeholders in a sensitive manner
- confidence and experience of dealing with stakeholders at all levels, from local councillors and public sector officials, to high street traders and community members
- 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
- some experience of project management
- *Desirable*: experience of data mapping and/or design skills.

### We can offer:

- an opportunity to develop your skills and experience
- a friendly supportive working environment
- a salary of £25,000 to £30,000, depending on experience
- flexibility in working hours. We would prefer this post to be full time but can consider flexible working patterns, if needed.

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