

Designer/junior researcher

Social Life is a research centre, set up in 2012 by the Young Foundation.

All our work is about the relationship between people and the places they live in. 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 a strong commitment to the type of work we do to be our new Designer/junior researcher. This is an exciting interdisciplinary role for someone with good design skills who wants to strengthen their skills in social research.

This is a new post for Social Life.

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

The job will include:

- designing infographics, leaflets, reports and other outputs
- helping to maintain the Social Life website
- providing research support on particular projects, which could include one to one interviews, admin tasks or carrying out practical projects in local areas
- taking responsibility for coordinating the Social Life office.

We are looking for someone with:

- a good understanding of Social Life's work and what motivates us
- an interest in neighbourhoods, cities and participatory research
- very good design skills - including using Adobe Creative Suite, especially InDesign, *preferably* with experience of applying these on social research or built environment projects
- excellent written and verbal communication skills
- some research knowledge and/or experience
- initiative and good organisational skills
- the confidence to carry out one to one engagement and interviews, after training
- the interpersonal skills to work collaboratively in our small friendly team
- *desirable*: some experience of data mapping, using QGIS.

We can offer:

- an opportunity to develop your skills and experience in design and social research.
- a friendly supportive working environment
- a salary of £22,000 to £25,000 (pro rata), depending on experience
- flexibility, we understand that people have other commitments and could consider a four or five day working week.

Please send a one page statement explaining why you meet our criteria and why you want the job, your CV, and examples of your design work to hello@social-life.co by 5pm on Tuesday March 3rd.

Can you also confirm that you have permission to work in the UK.