

JOB DESCRIPTION

Researcher (Food and Health)

Job Details

Job Title	:	Senior Researcher (Food and Health)
Reports to	:	Director of Policy and Research
Direct reports	:	None
Term	:	Fixed term to March 2023 (with potential for extension)
Location	:	Home based or co-working space in Bristol
Salary	:	Up to £40,000 (depending on experience)

Job Purpose

This important and exciting role will help FFCC deliver our Food + Health research programme. The postholder will be familiar with social and/or Action Research methodologies, both qualitative and quantitative, and will be rooted in an in-depth and detailed understanding of one or more of our core Food + Health topics: healthy and sustainable diets, food systems and food system change, community-based food systems and/or public health. This person will help the Commission achieve its ambitions by conducting research, preparing reports and policy briefings, and keeping track of relevant policy developments across the UK. It is also an opportunity for the postholder to develop leadership skills as for 12 months the postholder will cover for the Food + Health programme lead while they are on maternity leave.

FFCC is committed to diversity, equality and inclusion and celebrates these qualities as essential principles of a fair and sustainable society. We welcome applications from all backgrounds and are actively seeking to ensure our team is representative of the diversity of UK countries.

Key Tasks and Responsibilities

- Deliver key aspects of the Food and Health work programme for FFCC by conducting research projects, assuring project delivery and output quality within planned project budgets and deadlines, and undertaking internal and external reporting.
- Undertake primary and secondary research, including qualitative and quantitative analysis with a range of data sources and stakeholder groups.
- Create high quality, engaging content in the form of research reports, briefing notes, blogs, and other written outputs, and presenting analysis and recommendations for public and professional audiences as required.
- Lead the implementation of the Food and Health programme while the Programme Lead is on maternity leave, and work with senior colleagues to plan for future FFCC work on Food and Health.
- Coordinate internal and external events, including online and in person meetings and seminars.
- Work with our communications team to develop robust and engaging research outputs and compelling public narratives across the FFCC's programme of work .
- Represent our work externally at conferences, media appearances and other events.

- Maintain a good grasp on relevant policy developments across the UK and build strong relationships and partnerships with a wide range of policy, practice, funders, academic and business stakeholders relevant to the FFCC
 - Support the wider research and FFCC team to deliver high quality research and ensuring the development of robust and engaging research outputs across the FFCC's programme of work
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Person Specification: Knowledge and Skills Required

Essential

- Educated to at least Masters level in a relevant discipline
- Experienced in commissioning, producing and evaluating research with a track record of effective project delivery across a number of research methodologies, especially in social or action research, and in one or more of our core Food + Health themes - healthy and sustainable diets, food systems and food system change, and/or community-based food systems.
- Experience in public policy research development, through academia, commercial, government, and/or practitioner work.
- Able to bring intelligent analysis into complex issues, translating detailed technical data into straightforward language. Strong analytical skills, numerate and comfortable with quantitative and qualitative data analysis.
- Specialist expertise and interest in issues relevant to FFCC - food and farming, sustainable development, land use, economics, local democracy, public health, system change and in wider public policy and reform.
- Some experience managing programme budgets and grant spending.
- Ability to communicate confidently in different settings, and to present written material in a clear, concise and engaging manner to a range of different audiences.
- Confident in your outlook, and able to generate confidence in other with rapport building, persuasion and interpersonal skills including ability to communicate confidently with external stakeholders at all levels of seniority.
- Organised and efficient, with a good work rate and ability to prioritise and multitask.
- Ability to think laterally and creatively.
- Ability to work autonomously, demonstrating initiative, self-direction and motivation, and as part of a virtual networked team.
- Strong interest in the aims and ethos of the FFCC.

Desirable

- Experience supervising the work of others
 - Some experience of and interest in fundraising.
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The job description is liable to review following discussion with the job holder and team. The job holder will be expected to undertake any other reasonable duties as requested by their line manager and commensurate with the job grade. This job description forms part of your contract with FFCC.