



the national organisation
for local economies

Researcher/Senior Researcher

£24k - £32k/£33k - £43k full time, permanent

Flexible, with a requirement for regular working in our Manchester office

About CLEES

CLEES is the national organisation for local economies and the UK centre for excellence in community wealth building.

From our base in Manchester, we work across the UK and internationally to create better economies for people, place and planet. In particular, we support local areas to develop new solutions to the economic and social justice challenges we face at the current time.

We do research, analysis and convene conversations with partners working in local economies including devolved and local governments, civil society and business. We use their innovation and commitment to delivery to make the case for radical change.

Despite the challenges of the last two years, this is an exciting time for CLEES. Our reputation and influence, scale, and depth of work across councils, regions, and the devolved nations of the UK is stronger than ever. We have an international reputation as the UK lead organisation for community wealth building.

About this role

As our new Researcher/Senior Researcher, you will deliver policy, research, membership, consultancy and advisory work. In doing so, you will help us fulfil our charitable mission and purpose. As a Senior Researcher, you will also actively manage projects and secure income.

CLEES is committed to equality of opportunity and welcomes applications from all sections of the community, and from applicants with a range of professional and lived experiences. As an organisation engaging in critical debate about a wide range of progressive policy issues, we value the creativity and range of perspectives that

a diverse team can provide. This commitment is also reflected in the attached document, [Working at CLES](#).

In line with our values and our commitment to progressive employment practice, CLES is currently trialling a four day/full pay working week, becoming one of the first think tanks in the UK to do so.

Core purpose

- Deliver services to our partners across the UK with publications and tailored research activities in relation to:
 - progressive local economic strategies and local economic development;
 - community wealth building action planning;
 - health institutions as anchors;
 - heterodox economics; and
 - debates about economic growth, inclusive growth, inclusive economies and de-growth.
- Assist in securing funding for our work through responding to invitations to tender and developing relationships with CLES clients, members and research foundations.
- Deliver work under the direction of others senior team members, by undertaking high quality quantitative and qualitative research including:
 - conducting interviews and discussion groups;
 - facilitating workshop sessions and organising events;
 - analysing and interpreting findings;
 - undertaking data and impact analysis;
 - report writing; and,
 - delivering presentations.
- Support the organisation in delivering events and training; and,
- Represent the organisation at external events through contributing to debate.

A senior researcher must also:

- Take a lead in the project management and the delivery of work, including:
 - budget control;
 - timetable and deadlines;
 - client relations; and
 - ensuring quality.
- Assist in identifying and developing opportunities for new income generation through developing ideas, relationships and networks.

Skills

- Communication – high level written and verbal (Essential)
- Planning/project management (Essential)
- Analysis and synthesis of empirical and qualitative data (Essential)
- Basic IT - Microsoft Office and Zoom (Essential)
- Use of statistical software, datasets and data bases – e.g. QGIS, R, Microsoft Power BI, Nomis, ONS, Fame (Desirable)

How to apply

You can apply for the role by submitting a letter of application (maximum two pages) with an accompanying CV and our [equal opportunities monitoring form](#). For an informal and confidential discussion about the post, please contact Stuart MacDonald, Director of Research & Operations - stuartmacdonald@cles.org.uk

You should use the letter to outline your suitability for the role based on the job description, core purpose and skills requirements outlined above. Please state explicitly whether you are applying for the role of Researcher or Senior Researcher.

Please send your application to info@cles.org.uk. The deadline for applications is 5pm on Tuesday 22 November 2022.

Interviews will be held on Wednesday 14 December 2022.