

Head of Regional Economic Change: who you are and what you'll do

Who you are

Essential knowledge, experience or qualifications you'll have

- A strong interest and knowledge of local economic policy and how it is developed and implemented in different contexts, this might include:
 - Knowledge of local government particularly local economic development and/or local planning.
 - Regional economic development and devolution, especially in the UK and Ireland.
 - Knowledge or experience of implementing community wealth building.
 - Knowledge or experience of how health institutions can function as local economic anchors.
 - Insight into how local economic development can help respond to the climate emergency.
- Facilitation and participative methods.
- Analysis and synthesis of empirical and qualitative data.
- Programme and project management.
- Line management.
- Communication skills – high level written and verbal.
- IT - Microsoft Office, Word and Excel as well as Teams/Zoom.
- A commitment to the values and ethos of CLES.

Desirable knowledge, experience or qualifications you'll have

- Use of statistical software, datasets and data bases – e.g., QGIS, R, Microsoft Power BI, Nomis, ONS or Fame.

What you'll do

Lead and manage programmes of work

- You will lead and manage long term programmes of work at CLES including management of the budget, team, partners and deliverables as well as ensuring that we maximise the impacts from these long-term programmes for economic change.
- This will be underpinned by the delivery of high quality qualitative and quantitative research and your ability to support senior researchers and researchers to develop their skills, including:
 - conducting interviews and discussion groups
 - facilitating discussion and community research
 - analysing and interpreting findings
 - undertaking qualitative data analysis
- To do this you will demonstrate empathy and understanding in order to manage research staff effectively and to work collaboratively with colleagues at all levels and with different expertise.

Build relationships and develop opportunities

- You will build and develop strong relationships with our partners, funders and policy makers particularly at the local and national level (these include local councils, combined authorities, health authorities, universities and civil society organisations).
- You will assist in identifying and developing opportunities for new income generation through developing ideas, relationships and networks and you will work with the CLES team to help to secure funding for our work through developing new ideas as well as the ability to lead proposals for new projects, invitations to tender and on the ground delivery.

Be a great line manager

- You will have the empathy and understanding needed to be a great line manager and to work collaboratively with colleagues at all levels and with different expertise.

Represent the organisation

- You will support the organisation in delivering CLES events and training including our annual Summit.
- You will also represent the organisation at external events and in the media.