

Senior Researcher: who you are and what you'll do

Who you are

Essential knowledge, experience or qualifications you'll have

- Knowledge of local economic policy and how it is developed and implemented in different contexts, this might include:
 - Local government, particularly local economic development and/or local planning
 - Implementing community wealth building
 - How health institutions can function as local economic anchors
 - How local economic development can help respond to the climate emergency
- Devolution in the UK - we are particularly interested in people who have knowledge and experience in Scotland and Wales.
- Good quality qualitative research skills, including:
 - Conducting interviews and discussion groups
 - Facilitating discussion and community research
 - Analysing and interpreting findings
 - Undertaking qualitative data analysis.
- Analysis and synthesis of empirical and qualitative data.
- Facilitation and participative methods.
- Planning and project management.
- Good communication skills, both written and verbal (e.g., report writing and presentations).
- IT – Microsoft Office, Word and Excel as well as Teams/Zoom.
- A commitment to the values and ethos of CLES.

What you'll do

Manage and deliver high quality projects

- You will lead and manage projects, including management of the budget, timetable and deadline, exercising quality control and managing a small team.

- This will be underpinned by the delivery of high quality qualitative and quantitative research.
- You will be a specialist in facilitating workshop sessions including with key stakeholders and community representatives.
- You will use your excellent written and verbal communication skills to ensure that we maximise the impacts from these projects for economic change.

Build relationships and opportunities

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

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.