

Community Consultation Intern (Find a Solution 2024)

This internship is part of the Find a Solution programme which brings together current students and local Third Sector organisations to tackle issues of strategic importance through projects that will have a lasting impact.

The role will be for a total of 160 hours, to be worked flexibly between June and August (to be discussed with successful candidate). The role is open to UG students 3rd year and above, and PG students, from all Colleges. Please note this role requires someone willing to do some evening and weekend work.

About Us

SPYF is a passionate, committed grassroots community organisation, changing lives in North East Glasgow since 1997. We are at a really exciting point in the development of our organisation and this internship presents a brilliant opportunity to positively influence our direction over the next few years.

We are a community-led organisation, and for the last 25 years we have responded to the needs of local people in our community. Within the last seven years, local demand has seen us develop several new projects, including taking over and reopening the Molendinar Community Centre after it was mothballed by Glasgow City Council during the Covid-19 pandemic. We currently have a 'License to Occupy' from Glasgow City Council after working with their People Make Glasgow Communities programme.

Our main challenge is that we need to decide whether to convert our 'License to Occupy' into a long lease for the community centre, based on both whether our community would like us to continue running it on their behalf, and also on whether it is financially possible for our organisation.

In order to make this decision, we need to deeply engage with the community in discussions on how best to carry forward this idea i.e. ascertaining local community priorities and needs through research. We want to continue to involve the local community as much as possible in the future direction of this project, and continue to be

part of positive, forward-thinking change.

We would benefit greatly from the specialist knowledge which students would bring to this project, and also from an outside perspective which could offer creative responses to community need. They could act as a catalyst to enable us to consolidate the huge growth in the scope and scale of our work at a key time in its development.

Main aspects of the role:

- Plan and deliver a community consultation in Blackhill to gather views on SPYF's running of the Molendinar Community Centre
- Plan, recruit for and deliver a series of focus groups with local residents of all ages
- Write a community survey and gather responses through engagement with our community
- Provide a final written report outlining community consultation findings and any recommendations
- Feedback findings to the SPYF Senior Management and Board of Trustees
- Maintain and adhere to all health and safety guidelines including organisational risk assessments
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What makes this internship stand out? (training, benefits etc)

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This is a brilliant opportunity to gain paid experience of on-the-ground work with a dynamic grassroots charity.

Length of Internship (in weeks)

10

Starting month

June

Paid or voluntary

Paid

Is the internship part-time or full-time?

Part time

For part-time roles, how many hours will the student work per week?

16

Registered charity?

Yes

Charity Number:

SC042570

Required Year Group

- Undergraduate 3rd year
- Undergraduate 4th year
- Undergraduate 5th year
- Postgraduate taught
- Postgraduate researcher

Targeted College

- College of Social Sciences
- College of Arts
- College of Medicine, Veterinary and Life Sciences
- College of Science and Engineering

Required Degree Discipline

Any

The essential criteria for the role are

E1. Aware of processes behind the design and delivery of community consultations, surveys and semi-structured interviews

E2. Creative problem solver

E3. Analytical, approachable and friendly

E4. Able to communicate with a range of people, both verbally and written

The desirable criteria for the role are

D1. Knowledgeable about community development, especially in the context of Glasgow

D2. Aware of different approaches to community development

D3. Knowledgeable about the issues faced by people living in areas of multiple deprivation

D4. Studying social sciences, public health, community development, education, business studies or another related subject
