

JOB DESCRIPTION

Senior Researcher (Land Use)

Job Details

Job Title	:	Senior Researcher
Reports to	:	Deputy Director
Direct reports	:	None
Term	:	Full time
Location	:	Home based
Salary	:	Up to £45,000 (depending on experience)

Job Purpose

This role will lead FFCC's Land Use work programme, focused on the development and implementation of a national land use framework for England. With expert knowledge of land use, this postholder will be familiar with Action Research methodologies and will take a lead on conducting excellent research to support the work programme, writing clear and compelling reports and policy briefings, and facilitating action to implement the strategies and plans.

With outstanding project and people skills, the postholder will be able to work effectively with many diverse and authoritative stakeholders and partners to provide strategic coordinator of the programme and manage the delivery of the associated projects.

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

- Manage the Land Use work programme and associated 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.
- Lead on the development of FFCC's work programme plans on Land Use, ensuring they contribute to the overall aims of the organisation.
- Work closely with partner organisations to build the case for a land use framework for the whole of England, providing research and analysis that will support the adoption of this recommendation by policy makers.
- Play a key role in the implementation of a Land Use framework in Devon, Cambridgeshire and other locations, and support the sharing of learning from different land use initiatives around the UK.
- Work with partners to align different data sets that can help to inform decisions on land use and ensure that data is made available to land use frameworks if appropriate.

- 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.
 - Build strong relationships and partnerships with a wide range of organisations and individuals, including policy, practice, funders, academic and business stakeholders, across the UK.
 - Coordinate internal and external events, including online and in person meetings and seminars.
 - Work with our Communications Team to develop communication plans and compelling public narratives for our work.
 - Represent our work externally at conferences, media appearances and other events.
 - Support the wider research 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.
- Expert interest in land use, and in wider public policy and reform.
- Experienced in commissioning, producing and evaluating research with a track record of delivery in land use and related fields.
- Experience in policy development, and 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.
- 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 of line management or supervising the work of others.
 - Some experience of and interest in fundraising and business development.
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This 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.