Centre for Social Justice – Job Description

Senior Researcher: Housing

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If you are an articulate individual who can analyse, understand and synthesise complex information, this is an exciting opportunity to help drive housing policy reform in the UK.

**About Us**

The Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) is a not-for-profit organisation that fights the causes and impact of poverty across the UK. We have built a network of over 400 small grassroots charitable organisations which enable us to learn from those who understand the true nature of poverty and work to help people reach their potential.

In March 2018, we established the CSJ Housing Commission to address the quality and provision of housing in the UK. We produced four reports that exposed several deeply concerning realities regarding housing and poverty. This covered the supply of truly affordable homes, tenancy reform in the private rented sector, the role of employers in solving the housing crisis, and social housing employment support.

We want to build on the success of the Commission and deliver our vision of housing policy reform. As such, we’re looking for a Senior Researcher to join our growing Housing Policy Team on a two year fixed-term contract.

**The Benefits**

- Salary of £36,000 – £41,000 per annum DOE
- 25 days’ holiday per annum (plus Bank Holidays and additional time off between Christmas and New Year)
- Pension plan with employer contribution of 3%
- Flexible working conditions
- Tenancy deposit and season ticket loan scheme
- Excellent team culture

This is a fantastic opportunity to help us reverse the root causes of poverty and support our investigation into housing issues that are shaping the experiences of those most struggling.
The foundation that all individuals need to flourish is a safe and secure place to live. You’ll have the chance to get involved with research that will support credible policy proposals to bring about positive change for people most in need.

We want to give people who face disadvantage and injustice every possible opportunity to reach their full potential. If you think you can help us to achieve our vision, we want to hear from you.

**The Role**

As a Senior Researcher, you will conduct research to build on the findings and recommendations of the CSJ Housing Commission and shape a new vision for housing policy reform.

In this important role, you’ll support our initiatives to embed housing in mainstream policy discussions, build support from MPs for our proposals and sustain public interest in this policy area.

Specifically, you will:

– Research and analyse qualitative and statistical information, including primary sources, government data sources and other data from third parties
– Draft policy reports, briefing notes, memos and presentations to internal and external parties
– Build strong working relationships with senior stakeholders in the policy and housing sectors
– Help to develop evidence-based public policy solutions to support programme goals

**About You**

To join us as a Senior Researcher, you will need:

– The ability to analyse, understand and synthesise complex information, and present these findings in a concise and engaging way
– Excellent drafting skills, including the ability to tailor your work to suit different audiences
– The ability to plan programmes of work and manage these to agreed timelines
– Strong communication skills and the ability to explain complex information simply to internal and external audiences
– A strong appreciation of the need for accuracy, quality control and process control
– Excellent collaboration and relationship-building skills
– A commitment to the CSJ's vision, mission and values

Experience in a research-intensive role would be beneficial to your application.

Other organisations may call this role Researcher, Policy Researcher, Housing Policy Researcher, Research Officer, or Senior Housing Policy Officer.

The closing date for applications is the 22nd May 2020. We will be conducting interviews as suitable applications are received and may close this vacancy prior to the closing date. As such, we encourage candidates to submit their applications as soon as possible.