

## Economic, Social and Regeneration Specialists

ekosgen

### 'Talented thinkers who want to make a difference'

#### How would we sum it up?

If you want a career in social and economic policy development, politics, the community or local government this is the perfect place to deepen your knowledge and hone your skills in this highly competitive field. You would be joining a small but very well respected team that has an excellent reputation in Scotland, the North West and Yorkshire and beyond. You will have the opportunity to work with and learn from talented and bright individuals in an engaging, committed working environment - what more could you want?

We have vacancies at **Research Consultant** level in our **Manchester** office for a September 2018 starting date.

#### What's the business all about?

ekosgen is a high quality, evidence based, social and economic research consultancy. We offer advice to a wide range of clients in the economic and social development and regeneration sector from our three offices across the UK. Support includes providing technical assistance to improve performance, access funding, or to undertake strategic planning to meet partner and government objectives. We help our clients to enhance their understanding of the future directions of economies, initiatives, businesses, and local communities. We also help clients to satisfy reporting requirements for government organisations, agencies and funding bodies, and provide strategic, operational and action-oriented support. Our work environment is very stimulating and we are committed to doing the very best for our clients through exceptional execution. Find out more about us at [www.ekosgen.co.uk](http://www.ekosgen.co.uk)

#### What have we been working on?

Our team works on high profile commissions across the UK to both guide and evaluate economic development initiatives. Examples of studies we are currently delivering for clients include:

- Preparing an employment and skills plan for the HS2 stations developments in Manchester.
- Developing a labour market intelligence toolkit and highlight reports for Lancashire and its six travel to work areas to inform future skills interventions.
- Evaluating the Black Country Growth Hub to help inform future approaches to business support provision.
- Evaluating the impacts secured as a result of HEFCE investment in STEM capital facilities across the country.

#### What would you be doing?

You will support senior consultants and project managers including Directors of the business with a range of social and economic policy research activities and projects similar to those above. Typical activities include:

- Desk research using a wide variety of official data sources and the internet.
- Study fieldwork including research interviews (face-to-face and telephone).
- Manipulation, analysis and presentation of study data in a range of formats.
- Writing and formatting iterative reports.
- Designing presentations.
- Maintaining management information systems in line with company practice and policy.
- Project support, administration and co-ordination activities.
- Keeping up to date on social and economic policy and developments in the UK.

This is a role with broad exposure and responsibility across a range of economic and social policy, something which you would rarely have in larger organisations and will help to accelerate your learning in this complex area at pace.

**What type of person are we looking for?**

With a good Honours degree (2:1 or higher) and ideally a postgraduate degree in economics, social geography or similar, we need someone who is flexible, a team player, self-motivated, great at multi-tasking and who exhibits professionalism, even when under pressure. Strengths in statistical work, including analysing and presenting quantitative data are a must as are good organisational skills, and excellent writing and IT skills.

**What do we offer in return?**

We offer a competitive salary and an excellent benefits package including:

- 35 days holiday
- Employer contribution pension scheme
- Employee wellbeing initiatives such as cycle to work scheme and travel pass funding
- A positive and supportive work culture where people are supported to realise their full potential (including through a performance and career management system and training)
- Staff Wellbeing Package which includes free dental and optical care, GP helpline and subsidised gym membership
- Performance Related Bonus

We are an Equal Opportunities employer. We do not discriminate on the grounds of gender, race, disability, religion, age or sexuality.

To apply, please send your CV and covering letter to [lee.williamson@ekosgen.co.uk](mailto:lee.williamson@ekosgen.co.uk) by 31 March 2018

**Sound good to you?** If you like the sound of the role, then send us your CV and covering letter telling us why you want to work with us.