

## Exciting Opportunity for Consultant – Sheffield

### The opportunity

Are you committed to a career in economic development? Do you want to become part of an exciting business and help us to achieve our growth plans? ekosgen is one of the UK's leading independent economic consultancy firms providing advice to public and private sector clients. We provide economic and social insight to help our clients make better decisions and have a positive impact on people, places and the economy.

As a consultant your workload will always be changing to reflect new local and national priorities and the needs of our individual clients but you will work on a wide range of economic issues including employment, skills, innovation, business growth, land and premises, culture, leisure and tourism.

We have a vacancy in our **Sheffield** office for a committed, enthusiastic and capable individual in the role of **Consultant**. Ideally you should already have 2-5 years' experience in a research or consultancy environment. You will play a central role within our Sheffield based consultant team working on a wide variety of economic development related commissions across the 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 currently being delivered are:

- Preparing an employment and skills plan for the HS2 stations developments in Manchester.
- Case making for a wide range of facilities in Manchester, including securing funding for Factory (a new cultural facility) and improvements to the Deansgate-Castlefield Metrolink stop.
- Assessing the economic benefits to be unlocked by Manchester Town Hall's refurbishment.
- 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 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.