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| SENIOR Researcher (environment & green transition) |
| This Senior Researcher position provides high quality research support for a diverse set of projects on NEF’s environment and green transitions theme. This theme is currently focused on delivering 3 key objectives – to ensure a green recovery post Covid, to support a just transition for workers disrupted by climate change and to advocate sustainable approaches to the recovery of our natural ecosystems. We will use a mix of quantitative economics research, strategic community and local stakeholder engagement and political advocacy to achieve these objectives. The Senior Researcher will support our thinking, design and delivery of our ongoing and pipeline projects within this theme. This includes working closely with colleagues within and outside NEF that bear relevant expertise including unions, businesses and other grassroots groups to research and develop quality outputs that can inform critical policy and political discussions. The role holder can be expected to work on a diverse set of research projects such as on natural capital markets, environmental taxes, green monetary policy, green jobs and just transition, while receiving the necessary support from the head of the theme and other colleagues. This role forms a critical part of our Environment & Green Transition team and will contribute to the strategic direction of NEF’s environment work. |
| JOB DESCRIPTION  |
| **Research, policy & engagement*** Undertake and deliver research outputs to support the aforementioned objectives of NEF.
* Undertake strong empirical economic modelling and analysis to underpin our policy recommendations and produce rigorous and high-quality publications.
* Manage research projects to ensure timely delivery of outputs while leaning on colleagues regularly through project meetings.
* Oversee the work of other junior researchers where applicable.
* Provide necessary advice and input to all publications of the environment and green transition team, supporting a robust quality assurance, particularly from an empirical standpoint.
* Coordinate an effective partnership with relevant colleagues and stakeholders in a project to facilitate the delivery of research outputs and garner policy and political impact.

**Programme development & management** * Where necessary, manage the budget, work plan, staff allocation and produce reports on specific projects that might be allocated to the role holder directly
* Provide thought leadership for our environment work but also more widely across NEF and externally on the development of the new economics, ensuring NEF is coherent and consistent.

**Capacity building with senior management support*** Provide direct support to community groups, local and regional stakeholders, through relevant economics research and analysis, that ultimately helps achieve our overarching objectives through a more bottom up approach.

**Profile & external relationships*** Maintaining and developing NEF’s network of stakeholders across different sectors of society. This involves building relationships with policy makers, government officials, community groups, businesses and industry, universities, environmental groups and investors; and engaging them through conferences, workshops and events.
* Find opportunities to regularly blog and issue comment on relevant policy and political developments in the research areas that the role holder will work on.
* Represent NEF to a wide range of audiences, including via public speaking and media appearances, more often discussing the reports and publications drafted by the role holder through NEF.

**Participation within NEF*** Actively contribute to fundraising bids, team strategy discussions and wider NEF strategy. Work closely with the economics team to share best practices and ensure mutual quality assurance.
* Support the EG&T theme head in crafting the theme strategy with regular review and course correction where necessary.
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| PERSON SPECIFICATION  |
| **Essential aspects are shown in bold**. Aspects not in bold are desirable but not essential.**EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS*** **A degree or equivalent level qualification in economics or in a subject with knowledge and skills applicable and transferable to economic policy, or equivalent training or work experience.**
* A good understanding of local economies and economic policy and labour policy.
* A degree in a related subject area.

**KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE*** **At least four years’ experience in planning, developing or managing research projects,** preferably with some experience of engaging unions, grassroots groups**.**
* **A proven track record of producing high quality research outputs with implications for policy, with a strong underpinning of economic analysis**
* **A proven track record in effective stakeholder engagement and influencing policy and advocacy, particularly in the UK**
* **An understanding of public policymaking in government, the wider policy making community, and how to effect change in policy making and practice.**
* Experience of fundraising and developing funding bids.
* Experience in public speaking and media.

**SKILLS & ATTRIBUTES*** **Strong quantitative analytic skills and experience of managing and developing different types of economic modelling and research methods**
* **Excellent written communication skills and the ability to write cogently for a wide variety of audiences and in a wide variety of formats.**
* **The ability to work independently with minimal supervision to prioritise a busy workload, be pro-active and use own initiative to drive projects forward.**
* **Excellent interpersonal skills; the ability to deal with people at all levels, internally and externally, in a confident, compassionate and professional manner.**
* The ability to manage research staff effectively and to work collaboratively with other senior staff.
* Experience working with community groups on community-led development.

**MOTIVATION*** **Commitment to building the new, environmentally sustainable economy with redistribution of power and resources at its core.**
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