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| ECONOMIST |
| This Economist role will help to deliver NEF’s research and policy projects on social security reform, bringing (or quickly developing) deep expertise to NEF on UK welfare policy. They will also support other economic policy projects as appropriate. At NEF, our Economists bring excellent economic and quantitative research skills and the ability to work effectively either independently or as part of a wider research team. They are comfortable working in a fast pace environment, linking their original research to key contemporary debates to achieve impact, and communicating complicated ideas clearly and compellingly to a variety of audiences. |
| JOB DESCRIPTION |
| **Research & policy development**   * Help develop and deliver research projects with a particular focus on designing quantitative methodologies, interpreting data and/or applying economic theories and developing creative policy recommendations. * Act as a key source of expertise for economic analysis and interpretation across the Foundation, including supporting teams beyond the economics team in designing and delivering economic analysis.   **New Economics campaigning**   * Working closely with colleagues in the communication and campaign teams to provide research, policy analysis and project support for our work on the Living Income campaign * Supporting colleagues working with partners, including local organisations striving to build the new economy, and drawing on the findings of NEF colleagues, who use a mixture of methods, to support communities to make their voices heard.   **Profile & external relationships**   * Produce topical, impactful economic analysis and policy recommendations, drawing on networks of stakeholders – including politicians and their advisers; academics; and civil servants – to disseminate findings. * Find opportunities to blog and issue comment on economic developments, conducting ad hoc data analysis to highlight interesting economic phenomena. * Represent NEF to a wide range of audiences, including via public speaking and media appearances.   **Administrative & organisational work**   * Providing project management and administrative support to senior research staff. * Undertaking research administration (e.g. coordinating meetings/surveys/focus groups/travel), administrative support for funding bids/proposals, and budget and financial management (e.g. setting up and maintaining appropriate electronic/hard copy records). * Organising events in line with project work.   **Fundraising**   * Support senior staff to develop high-quality project proposals that offer insightful, timely and unique research, including an accurate costing, and that bear in mind likely funding sources. * Help senior staff to ensure those proposals attract funding, by developing links with previous and potential funders and ‘selling’ the project idea. |

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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 mathematical or social science discipline with knowledge and skills applicable and transferable to economics, or equivalent training and work experience**   **KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE**   * **Expert knowledge of social security policy in the UK or enthusiasm and ability to rapidly come up to speed in this policy area,** and good knowledge of at least one other area of UK economic policy relevant to NEF’s work. * **Proven high-level quantitative research skills, including use of econometrics software and ability to source and use large social science/economic datasets.** * Experience at designing and managing successful economic research projects. * Experience of fundraising for research projects. * An understanding of economic policymaking in government, the wider policy making community, and how to effect change in policymaking and practice.   **SKILLS & ATTRIBUTES**   * **Excellent verbal communication skills and the ability to present confidently to diverse audiences.** * **Excellent written communication skills and the ability to write cogently for a wide variety of audiences and in a wide variety of formats.** * **Excellent and demonstrable organisational and administrative skills, such as those required to support in logistical tasks and the organisation of events.** * Experience of dealing with the media.   **MOTIVATION**   * **Commitment to building the new, environmentally sustainable economy with redistribution of power and resources at its core.** |