



A sessional worker required to research, interview and report

South Seeds are looking for a motivated person with good communication, research and reporting skills to work on an exciting short term project. We would like to recruit a sessional worker to work with the community which lives in the blocks of tenement flats surrounding the community garden we developed last year. The tenements we would like to focus on are on Victoria Road, Westmoreland Street, Allison Street and Dixon Avenue and they overlook the community garden which is tucked behind. The lane which runs behind all these tenement back courts is subject to regular fly tipping and we are keen to investigate the complex reasons behind this.

We need someone who is not scared of asking the difficult questions and will dig and dig to find answers. Through a mixture of surveying, interviewing and collecting data from agencies, we think a clearer picture can be built of the actual problem and possible solutions. We have a small budget for translation.

We are looking for someone who not only will do the investigative work but can write it up in a friendly and informative style, which will be eagerly read by policy makers and residents alike.

The end product will be a 6 page newsletter, produced to a high standard which draws together all the information collected during this project, such as: case studies, survey results, information about refuse collections and reporting, as well as some short pieces on relevant issues such and how to find out if your landlord is registered or how to report antisocial behaviour.

Terms and conditions of sessional work

Report to: Project Manager, South Seeds

Start date: 12th January 2015

End date: 28th February 2015

Place of work: South Seeds is based on Butterbiggins Road in Govanhill, where regular progress meetings will be held. The worker would be expected to work remotely and keep in touch by email and phone.

Hourly rate: £20 per hour

Number of hours in total: 100

Expected outcomes:

- Take fixed point photos of the lane every week during the project to create a slide show to show dumping and uplifts over time.
- Log uplifts by Glasgow City Council Land and Environmental Services and cross check with Council Records to understand the council system i.e. how fly tipping is identified and shifted.
- Survey 80 residents to find out their thoughts on the lane.
- Interview 10 residents to find out in-depth information about their use of the lane, write up four of the interviews as 500 word case studies with profile pictures.
- Document the current refuse, storage and collection arrangements for the tenement closes identified in this project.
- Research the tenure of the homes surrounding the lane by engaging with the local RSLs, GCC's Private Landlord Registration Unit and knocking a sample of doors to find out who actually lives there.
- Map all front doors and back garden gates with broken locks.
- Engage with Govanhill Services Hub to identify how many cleansing related complaints related to the lane and surrounding properties have been made.
- Investigate where bulky items dumped in the lane have come from.
- Write up findings and present a first and second draft.
- Report on outcomes achieved fortnightly.

Payment: Invoices will be paid following progress meetings.

How to apply: Email your CV to lucy@southseeds.org by 4th January 2015. We should get back to you very quickly as we are aware everyone needs to plan.

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