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Centre for Sustainable Healthcare is recruiting

NHS FOREST and GREENSPACE: PROJECT OFFICER

3 to 5 days a week: June – December 2019 with extension likely.

Salary: £30,000 pa full-time, or pro rata (plus contributory pension).

How can the environment contribute to people's health? Should healthcare professionals engage with climate change? How can we mainstream environmental interventions within health and social care systems? Do you want to take a role in this important transformation?

If you have worked on this interface from either the health or the environmental side and want a new challenge, working with a friendly and dynamic team, this is a great opportunity for you to use your expertise. The Centre for Sustainable Healthcare is recruiting a new person to work on local and national programmes to take forward this agenda in both the health and environment sectors.

Working as part of a well-established team, you will have the opportunity to develop your existing skills in community engagement and project delivery, while growing your understanding of environmental sustainability as it relates to health. You will help to deliver our NHS Forest and Greenspace Programme, which builds on the benefits of natural environments in partnership with the health sector. The programme grows the NHS Forest by encouraging tree planting at NHS sites and helps to realise the value of greenspace for physical and mental health, both at healthcare sites and in the wider community.

In your role as Project Officer, you will initially focus on a funded project to deliver green health route activities in Oxford, working in partnership with GP practices, the city council and others to set up, promote and sustain health walks. The project includes community engagement activities with schools and other organisations to encourage people to connect with natural spaces in their neighbourhood.

Your role on wider NHS Forest and Greenspace projects is likely to involve a wide range of activities, including devising and running workshop sessions for health professionals, producing written materials, carrying out monitoring and evaluation, organising events, expanding vibrant networks for good practice and communicating the programme and its aims to a variety of audiences.

Our current projects include an initiative to connect people with local meadows in Wales, a partnership project to encourage families in disadvantaged areas to engage in sports and

outdoor activity together, and an evaluation of greenspace work at healthcare sites in London, Essex and Lancashire.

The Centre for Sustainable Healthcare is well known for its work on sustainable healthcare in research and practice. We provide strategic input and consultancy to national and local programmes.

Our [Sustainable Specialties Programme](#) is designed to mainstream sustainability within clinical areas so that it is integral to the planning of health systems and the practice of healthcare professionals. This is supported by our work in [medical education](#) and in [carbon modelling](#) of clinical care.

Our [greenspace projects](#), especially our [NHS Forest](#), assist organisations to improve their natural environment and reconnect their staff, patients and the wider community with their local greenspace to benefit their health.

- To apply please email your CV and cover letter to rachel@sustainablehealthcare.org.uk by 14th May 2019, 5pm
- Interviews during week of 20 – 25 May 2019
- Proposed start date June 2019

For further information on job, person and project specification, please see details at <https://sustainablehealthcare.org.uk/news/2019/04/were-hiring-again-would-you-join-our-growing-nhs-forest-and-greenspace-programme>

For any questions please contact rachel@sustainablehealthcare.org.uk

Job Specification

1. Organise, devise and deliver Green Health Route projects (<https://nhsforest.org/green-health-routes>) including partnership building and community-based activities, in accordance with budget and timeline.
2. Contribute to publicity and communication for the NHS Forest and Greenspace Programme, including its social media, web updates and newsletter.
3. Research and write good practice materials such as case studies, how-to guides and web materials.
4. Devise and run workshops and present at conferences.
5. Organise events, seminars and meetings as part of the national NHS Forest and Greenspace Programme.
6. Work in partnership to develop the NHS Forest and Greenspace Programme, for example, visiting NHS sites and motivating them to be involved.
7. Contribute to delivery of monitoring and evaluation activities, such as focus groups and site surveys.
8. Research and review health related documents, write literature reviews and contribute to policy development.
9. Contribute to the development of new projects in the NHS Forest and Greenspace programme.

Person Specification

Essential

- Evidence of ability to organise and manage own work
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Good at devising and running community engagement activities and events
- Good at purposeful networking and relationship-building
- Good at project development and co-ordination
- Good at innovation and problem-solving
- Enthusiasm for improving the environmental sustainability of health services
- IT skills - proficiency in: word processing and data spread-sheets; use of email, online discussion fora, blogs.

Desirable

- Demonstrated previous commitment to environmental sustainability
- Experience of leading or managing behaviour change activities
- Experience/training in quantitative/qualitative research
- Experience in training or teaching
- Experience of working in or with health or social care
- Experience in communications.

Location

The office is in Oxford, UK. The role will require some travel within the UK for NHS site visits, meetings and conferences.