

# Researcher

## Who you are and what you'll do

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We are looking for people who have a broad range of knowledge, skills and experiences. The essentials you need for this role are listed below as well as some additional non-essential but desirable attributes.

### Interested in local economic development and health policy

At CLES our work is about building strong local economies and community wealth, so a strong interest and knowledge of local economies is important for this role. We are also particularly keen to have people on the team who understand the link between economies, health policy and the wider determinants of health, such as:

- How councils, health institutions and other large institutions can function as local economic anchors and affect health outcomes.
- Regional economic development and devolution, particularly in England and the role that devolution can play in affecting health inequalities and the wider determinants of health.
- Inequality, poverty, health outcomes, climate emergency and alternative economic models such as community wealth building.

### Research skills

Skills in qualitative data analysis are essential to this role, including the ability to:

- Conduct interviews
- Code interview transcripts and other documents
- Facilitate focus groups
- Support the facilitation of workshop sessions and events
- Analyse and interpret findings
- Support the development of reports and presentations.

Skills in quantitative data analysis and the ability to use Microsoft Excel are also desirable.

### Project development and management skills

You will have an interest in supporting the management and delivery of projects, backed up by strong organisational skills and being able to prioritise key tasks.

You'll also be interested in developing your fundraising skills by supporting other members of the team with the development of new proposals and programmes of work.

## Communication skills

You'll be keen to develop your communication skills and work with senior members of the team to help produce high-quality reports, presentations and publications. You'll be interested in meeting new people and key stakeholders and confident about representing the organisation externally in high-profile settings.

## Committed to CLES's values

To work at CLES you need to be passionate about economic justice, sustainability and the organisation's mission to foster local economic resilience.

## What you'll do

This is a varied and exciting role, and no two days will be the same. Here is an overview of what you'll spend most of your time doing:

### Research

You will support the design and execution of research projects, interpret complex data to inform policy recommendations and contribute to the advancement of local economic strategies.

### Stakeholder engagement

Working as part of a team that is building strong relationships – including with local governments, civil servants, public sector organisations and civil society groups – you will have the opportunity to develop your presentation skills, co-author research findings and reports and help represent CLES at conferences, workshops and public forums.

### Project management

You will support the delivery of multiple projects, ensuring they meet quality standards, stay within budget and are completed on time. This includes co-ordinating with other team members and external partners.

### Influencing and advocacy

Through working with the CLES team on our shared advocacy efforts, you will have the chance to influence and inform policies in local government and devolved authorities across the UK (including Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland), as well as supporting our engagement with the UK government at Westminster.