

Business Analyst – Life Chances Fund Development

Salary: Competitive day rate

Hours: Negotiable

The post-holder will initially be based in London, but could be required to work at other locations within England.

Responsible to:

Director, Independent Travel

The project will start immediately and ends in May 2018

INTRODUCTION

HCT Group is an award winning Social Enterprise, using the power of business to achieve positive social impact. We generate our income from commercial transport contracts won in the marketplace, delivering them to a high standard, reinvesting profits into further transport services in the communities we serve, into training services for people who are long-term unemployed and into employment opportunities for people in deprived communities.

HCT Group has successfully developed a major travel training programme, supporting young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities to travel independently, greatly enhancing their lives and life chances. The programme is financed via a Social Impact Bond (SIB) and is now running in three locations in the UK, with several more in the pipeline.

We now have the opportunity to develop a second SIB, this time supported by the Government's 'Life Chances Fund', bringing in additional Local Authorities and offering this life changing opportunity to even more young people.

Role:

The post holder will deliver a business case to underpin our application to the Life Chances Fund including financial model and feasibility study for each LA area by April 2018.

Areas of responsibility

Data analysis & feasibility

- Review local authority data on the young people in each area.
- Develop a methodology for understanding eligibility criteria.
- Provide analysis on expected cohort size.
- Review of public transport infrastructure.
- Review existing local Independent Travel Training programmes.

Stakeholder engagement

- Review the social investment options.

- Engagement with key stakeholders including LA commissioners, parent carers, schools, disability advocacy groups and other locally interested parties.
- Review procurement options with LA teams.

Business case development

- Build a financial model using the data for each LA area.
- Develop a business case for each LA area.
- Support our social impact measurement methodology.
- Create presentations and materials to support stakeholders' understanding of the business case.
- Deliver additional information as required to complete the application process.

Miscellaneous

- Any other duties as agreed.

The role will be London based and involves travel to the LA areas we are working with.

Skills and Experience

- Experience of data analysis and interpretation in a comparable context
- Advanced excel skills
- Experience of developing written reports
- Ability to present information in a range of ways to diverse audiences
- Prepared to work across multiple sites with regular travel between locations
- The ability to work flexibly within deadlines
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Persuasive
- Critical thinking