

Community Engagement Intern

This internship is part of the Find a Solution programme which brings together current students and local Third Sector organisations to tackle issues of strategic importance through projects that will have a lasting impact.

The role will be for a total of 160 hours, to be worked flexibly between June and September (to be discussed with successful candidate). This role is being funded by the Postgraduate Researcher Hub, however it is open to both PGT and PGR students in the College of Social Sciences.

About us

The aim of Finn's Place is to provide opportunities for local residents to improve and enhance their wellbeing through a weekly programme of activities and occasional community events.

Wellbeing is when we are living our lives to the full, no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in. At Finn's Place we support wellbeing in mind, body and spirit.

We use the New Economics Foundation 'Five ways to wellbeing' as a guide to all that we offer at Finn's Place. Wellbeing is improved when we Connect with other, Keep learning, Be active, Take notice and Give back.

All Finn's Place activities are open to all over the age of 16. For a list of activities please go to our What's On page.

The role

We know Finn's Place makes a massive positive impact on the local community and beyond, but what is the difference that would really make the difference?

What are we missing? Where can we improve? What assumptions are we making?

As a wee charity we would love support creating a community lead theory of change to help us better understand what the communities we serve want and need to support their wellbeing.

As an intern you will engage in a community consultation - our partners, service users and local people to listen and learn what they want and need in order to experience wellbeing and a sense of belonging. You'll help clarify what their barriers are to this and what their views are on Finn's Place role in supporting this.

This work will inform our strategy review and most importantly ensure we're doing what's actually needed, not what we think is needed.

We are looking for a community minded, inclusion focused, critical thinking, curious and courageous person who is adept at building relationships and trust quickly with a range of people.

Main duties & responsibilities

- Engage with partners and members of Finn's Place community and local area
- Create an evidence based survey to assess our impact and inclusion.
- Organise and host focus groups and engage in other methods of communication to create a theory of change model for Finn's Place
- Share honest feedback of results with director

Finn's Place is open to the public Monday - Thursday 9.30am - 9pm and Fridays until 1pm - this internship is results focused and flexible to mutually suit your own and the projects needs.

What makes this internship stand out? (training, benefits etc)

Can you be our critical friend? We're looking for an impartial someone to be our eyes and ears and engage with our community, listen deeply and help us do better. Help us create a theory of change and know you're playing a part in being the change you want to see in the world.

Length of Internship (in weeks)

10

Starting month

June

Paid or voluntary

Paid

Is the internship part-time or full-time?

Part-time

For part-time roles, how many hours will the student work per week?

16

Required Year Group

Postgraduate researcher

Postgraduate taught

Targeted College

College of Social Sciences

Required Degree Discipline

Any within the targeted college.

The essential criteria for the role are

E1. Aware of, or willing to quickly and independently learn, theories of change and social impact

E2. Friendly, approachable and proactive - willing and able to act on their ideas to completion

E3. Inclusive and appreciative of the vitality of diversity in both people and perspective

E4. Coaching skills/skilled in asking exploratory questions (be a curious and inquisitive human)

E5. Open to giving and receiving constructive and supportive feedback

The desirable criteria for the role are

D1. Ideally be aware of theories of change/logic models and identifying which model would be most applicable to us

D2. Experience in community consultation

D3. Experience in developing a theory on change in a collaborative and truly consultative

way

D4. Awareness of community development and wellbeing approaches