

Q-STEP SUMMER INTERNSHIPS 2021

New Philanthropy Capital Research - developing a Local Needs Databank and evaluating the Coronavirus Community Support Fund

Organisation and Team

NPC: Data and Learning

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Selection Method

Written CV, cover letter followed by an interview

Keywords

Data analysis, charity sector, needs analysis,
collective data, coronavirus, evaluation, statistics

Project Outline

NPC is the think tank and consultancy for the charity sector. Our mission is to help charities, foundations, philanthropists, impact investors, social enterprises, corporates, and the public sector to maximise social impact in the lives of the people they serve. We do this by supporting individuals and organisations, challenging and inspiring the sector, and influencing the systems and conditions affecting charities' ability to make a difference. Our consultancy and our think tank activity inform one another. This placement offers a student the opportunity to work on an open data thinktank initiative, and an evaluation consultancy project.

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Application Criteria

Essential:

- Experience of working with quantitative data
- Ability to combine large datasets
- Confidence in using and analysing data in Excel or SPSS
- Applied knowledge of descriptive statistics
- A good communicator with strong written communication skills
- An interest in the role of data and evidence in the social sector

Desirable:

- Knowledge of statistical analysis
- Understanding of official statistics and relevant sources (e.g. ONS, PHE, DfE)
- Applied qualitative data analysis methods
- Knowledge of data visualisation and advanced analytics software (Tableau, Power BI)
- Knowledge of the social sector

Practical Considerations

The intern will be offered the same working options as staff. It is currently anticipated the office will be open in July and August. If this is the case, the intern is welcome to work in the office, using the computing and desk space there. They are also welcome to work remotely. Most staff are likely to mix remote and office working, and we would seek to accommodate the intern's preferences.

8-week internship

Issues of Data Protection / IPR

The postholder will be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement before they access the data and understand their responsibilities under GDPR.

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The local needs databank: Last year, NPC built a regularly updating and interactive databank, to help charities and funders see the places most affected by Covid-19, and those that have underlying factors—such as age, health, ethnicity, economic indicators, and multiple deprivation—which may put them at risk. Alongside statistics on Covid-19 and local demographics, the dashboards share data from multiple charities, helping us better understand what organisations are experiencing on the ground. Work is ongoing to enhance it's capabilities, add more data, and make it more useful to organisations seeking to make more data-driven decisions. In this placement, a student will work closely with our Data Principal to develop and expand the databank. This will include gathering official statistics, processing quantitative data, creating benchmarks, analysing our user engagement and feedback data, and producing a blog or other published commentary on findings.

The Coronavirus Community Support Fund evaluation: NPC is currently working on a major evaluation of the Coronavirus Community Support Fund with Ipsos MORI and the Tavistock institute. The placement will coincide with the reporting period for this project when we will be looking for insights across significant survey and grant management datasets. NPC's particular focus will be on understanding the value for money of the Fund and we will be analysing cohorts of grantees to make estimates of the value of the funding for organisations, people and communities. We will be using SPSS and linking data from various projects. The work will entail descriptive and possibly more complex statistics.

Supporting Information

The postholder will be supervised by NPC's Data Principal, with additional support from the co-Heads of Data and Learning.

The postholder and supervisor will identify objectives for the placement and review these on a regular basis.

Support and Training

The intern will receive daily guidance and check-ins from staff within NPC. They will have access to a variety of internal guidance and training materials to support staff with data management and analysis. The intern will be encouraged to attend NPC's internal and external events: we hold regular internal staff training, 'lunch and learn' sessions, external seminars and roundtables.

Financial Assistance offered by NPC

Travel bursary (likely up to £800).