

# Salford Community and Voluntary Services (in collaboration with GMCA) - Using data to understand the voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise sector in Salford and Greater Manchester

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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

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This project will build on Salford CVS' State of the Sector Research (which is currently being delivered) to undertake a deeper dive analysis into the voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise sector (VCFSE). This will primarily involve quantitative analysis relating to the workforce and skills across the sector.

The project will involve a mix of existing data from the State of the Sector work, alongside other research projects taken in relation to the VCSFE workforce and the collection of new data.

We are looking for students who have strong data skills and a desire to work with a voluntary organisation that brings about real change.

This opportunity will be unique, as you will combine data analysis with first-hand experience working in a community-based organisation. You will deliver important research that can aid in tackling pressing issues across communities in Greater Manchester.

During your time with us, you will gain professional experience in data collection, analysis, and reporting, as well as using more complex software to visualise data. You will also gain valuable experience working in a voluntary sector organisation, developing non-data skills in the form of communication and presentation.

This promises to be a really rewarding and challenging opportunity this summer.

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## MORE ABOUT CVS

Salford CVS is the Local Infrastructure Organisation for the VCFSE sector in Salford. We provide practical information, guidance, training support to VCFSE sector organisations (around running or governing a VCFSE organisation), deliver a volunteer centre (which provides support to volunteer involving organisation), work strategically with our public sector partners and provide Voice & Influence Opportunities for the VCFSE sector. We also act as the accountable body for a number of VCSE Led Partnerships.

We are also a founding member of 10GM and conduct a Greater Manchester wide State of the Sector Survey every three years (on their behalf). We also have a dedicated research and insight worker that conducts a range of research/insight programmes in Salford.

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## PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

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### Organisation and Team

Research



### Working Arrangement

Hybrid



### Selection Method

Interviews will be held online  
(via Microsoft Teams)

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## SUPPORT AND TRAINING

- Alongside working with Salford CVS, you will be supported by full-time researchers and data analysts based in Greater Manchester Combined Authority's research team. They are a dynamic team of researchers working across a variety of policy areas and with expertise in a wide range of research methods and tools.

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## APPLICATION CRITERIA

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### ESSENTIAL

- Knowledge and use of Microsoft Office applications (e.g., Excel, PowerPoint).
- Understanding of statistics and use of data, with an ability to undertake quantitative analysis.
- A strong social conscience, committed to supporting communities across Greater Manchester.
- Able to work in Greater Manchester during the summer 2026.

### DESIRABLE

- Experienced in the use of Tableau or other data visualisation software for data analysis and presentation.
- Knowledge of, and interest in, the work of VCFSE organisations.
- An understanding of data from official and unofficial sources.