Doctoral Training Policy and Evidence Placement

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| **Project:**  |
| **Title: PhD student placement opportunities – Air Quality Wales Clean Air Plan** |
| The Air Quality, Noise and Chemicals Branch in Welsh Government is seeking a PhD student for a placement opportunity within its Air Quality policy team. The team is responsible for ensuring compliance with air quality legislation and driving improvements in air quality in Wales across a range of pollutants. The team is currently in the process of delivering a final draft of Wales’ first Clean Air Plan and developing a Clean Air Bill amongst other key activities. **Key Tasks**The post holders will work within the team, supporting delivery of the following high profile work streams: * Development of new air quality targets for Wales
* Development of an air quality monitoring and assessment service for Wales
* Local Air Quality Management and the Clean Air Bill
* Communications and Behaviour Change
* Clean Air Zones
* Industrial pollution
* Engine idling
* Domestic combustion

Post holders will benefit from a range of development opportunities including supporting Ministers, working at pace within a high profile policy area and engaging with a wide range of stakeholders and departments across Welsh Government. Post holders will build valuable working relationships, broaden their knowledge and understanding of Welsh Government policy work and have the opportunity to identify areas to add value to the delivery of evidence-based policy. With support from their Welsh Government supervisors, the post holders will be expected to take responsibility for managing and delivery of work commitments, providing opportunity to develop team working and project management skills. |
| **Details**  |
| **Skills required:** | **Essential:** Strong critical thinking and analytical skills; the ability to produce concise and well written documents; ability to work confidently with a range of stakeholders; ability to use research to deliver evidence based policy; ability to work at pace, delivering against tight deadlines.**Desirable:** An understanding of inclusivity and equity issues in transport policy; experience of procurement. |
| **Outputs:** | As agreed with line manager and in relation to the above priorities |
| **Host organisation:**  | Welsh Government |
| **Duration:**  | 3-month period, although longer placements would be considered. Start date as soon as possible (following successful Welsh Government security clearance) |
| **Location and working environment:**  | The role will be full-time and, in view of current Covid-19 restrictions, home based. Post holders will be provided with a laptop to facilitate regular support and contact with the policy team members/line management. |
| **Funding** |
| Welsh Government will fund the placement |
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| **Application process**  |
| Please submit CV and covering letter. A full job specification is available. |

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* Undertaking research on transport accessibility and equity issues
* Developing citizen science initiatives

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