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| **Project:**  |
| **Title: PhD student placement opportunity – Reducing Single Use Plastics and Litter Prevention** |
| The Environmental Quality Branch in Welsh Government is seeking a PhD student for a placement opportunity within its Air Quality policy team. The team is responsible for delivering a programme of work which focuses on improving the local environment of communities, targeting issues such as single use plastics and littering reduction, fly-tipping, dog fouling and other forms of environmental anti-social behaviour. The team is currently in the process of developing legislation which will ban several single use plastic items in and drafting a Litter Prevention Plan for Wales amongst other key activities. **Key Tasks**The post holder will work within the team, supporting the following high profile work streams: * Development of regulations to ban or restrict the sale of several single use plastic items
* Development of key priority areas in the Litter Prevention Plan (Evidence gathering, collaboration, enforcement, communication and circular economy)
* Communications and behaviour change
* Support research into single use carrier bag charge

The post holder 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; building valuable working relationships; broadening 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 holder will be expected to take responsibility for management and delivery of work commitments, providing opportunity to develop team working and project management skills. |
| **Details**  |
| **Skills required:** | Essential SkillsStrong critical thinking, data analysis/manipulation and presentation skills; Ability to produce concise, well written documents presenting technical material in an accessible format; 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 deadlinesDesirable Skills: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.** |