Leeds Social Sciences Institute
PGR Placement Fellowship Opportunity

‘Chapeltown Global Village Market’
with Chapeltown Development Trust
(2 days per week for 13 weeks from April 2011)

The Leeds Social Science Institute is launching a PGR Placement Fellowship Scheme for social science post graduate researchers interested in working in a research capacity in a range of local organisations. The Scheme encourages social science post graduate researchers to engage with the needs of external organisations and to build the knowledge gained from the placement into their future research plans.

The successful applicants will receive a bursary funded by University of Leeds Higher Education Innovation Fund.

Research Organisation: Chapeltown Development Trust

Project Title: Chapeltown Global Village Market’

Length of Fellowship: 2 days per week for 13 weeks

Proposed start date: April 2011

Location of Fellowship: Unity Housing Association

EXPECTED TASKS
Chapeltown Development Trust are seeking a student to help them develop the Chapeltown Global Village Market as a viable social enterprise. To do this they require more information about what works and what needs to be improved from the perspective of those involved:

- visitors to the market
- staff holders
- other partners, including residents who live close to the market

They are seeking a student to help us develop the Global Village Market. In particular to:

- gather information from stall holders (traders) and information providers about what worked and what could be improved
- gather information from visitors to the 2nd May and/or 4 June market about what worked and what could be improved
- interview local residents to gather their views (this will be done with a Director of CDT)
- interview or gather information from sample others, for example the chair of the market sub group and other partners

Outputs

By the end of the research placement they would aim to have the following outputs:

- Improved information related to the market project
- model monitoring questionnaires for visitor, stall holders and other partners
Arrangements

Chapeltown Development Trust is based in the office of Unity Housing Association. They currently have a part time administrative worker (25 hours a week), a sessional market supervisor and an active Board and members.

A desk would be available for the researcher at Unity Housing Association, however it is anticipated that the majority of this work will be done out of the office undertaking face to face interviews.

The researcher would be supported by the Chair of Chapeltown Development Trust and the Chair of the market sub group and would share desk space with the administrative worker.

It would be helpful if the researcher could provide her/his own lap top computer.

The majority of this work will be undertaken directly by the post graduate researcher. The Chapeltown Development Trust will develop a programme of work for the students and provide suitable office accommodation.

SKILLS REQUIRED

- Proven qualitative and/or quantitative research skills
- Ability to translate research findings into practical policy proposals
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work with a wide range of academic and non-academic partners

BACKGROUND

Chapeltown Development Trust (CDT) is an emerging development trust with social, economic and environmental regeneration objectives. Established in 2009 it has a board of eleven directors made up of residents. The trust works closely with other social enterprises in the neighbourhood, for example Unity Housing Association, Unity Enterprise, Urbanbiz, the Feel Good Factor (healthy living centre) and Chapeltown Youth Development Centre.

With a population of over six and a half thousand people Chapeltown is ranked amongst the most deprived areas in the city; over 45% unemployment levels, with over 40% of children living in lone parent households on benefits. 59% (2001 Census) of the population are of ethnic minority origin; 16 ethnic categories in 2001 although the ethnic minority mix in the neighbourhood is now more varied with the settlement of new European, African and Middle Easter communities.

Surveys of residents in 2009 indicated, amongst other things, that residents were keen to have a street market in the neighbourhood. In 2010 CDT tested the feasibility of running a market in August, September and October in Potternewton Park. Basic monitoring of visitors and stall holders was undertaken.

Having analysed visitor questionnaires, income/expenditure of the market, the sub group made rethought location and costs and will launch the market on a new site on Chapeltown Road on 2 April 2011. The objectives of the market cum community events are:

- to create a good environment, cohesive and fun and share information
- to provide an outlet for local traders and start up Chapeltown entrepreneurs
to promote Chapeltown and encourage visitors to the area.

CDT is clear that the market must be self sustaining whilst offering opportunities to the people of the area.

The student will also work with the Director of the Leeds Social Sciences Institute to evaluate the success of the placement and identify other opportunities for placements within Chapeltown Development Trust and partner organisations.

Where the student would be involved in working with vulnerable groups they would have to undergo relevant CRB checks. Any research involving the student in direct contact with the public (eg interviews) would also have to go be approved by the University Ethics Committee.

Leeds Social Sciences Institute will fund the placement through HEIF funds, providing a bursary of £1300, and the placement must be completed by the 31st July 2011.

This project supports the Institutes’ strategic objective to enhance partnerships between social scientists and the public and third sector, to maximise the impact of our research and to make a valuable contribution to society. It is also in line with the ESRC’s strategic objective to extend and deepen knowledge exchange networks across the public, private and third sectors.

The student will be able to use the results of this study (suitably anonymised and with ethical approval from the appropriate University of Leeds committee) to produce a range of academic publications and presentations.

The closing date for this call is **Friday 8 April**

**Applicants should submit a short cv plus a statement explaining why they would like to take up this opportunity, what experiences and skills make them suited to the position and what this work will contribute towards their research plans to Sophia Kennedy at s.kennedy@leeds.ac.uk.**

Applications will be considered by the panel and successful applicants will be notified within two weeks of the application closing date. **Written confirmation of support from the applicant’s supervisor will be required with the application.**

Any enquiries please contact Sophia Kennedy at S.Kennedy@Leeds.ac.uk

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