LSSI Postgraduate Research Student - Placement Opportunity

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a PGR student to work on a project with Full Circle Funeral Directors.

Full Circle is an independent funeral directors based in Guiseley, Leeds. They are currently working in partnership with the University of York in conjunction with industry experts on an ongoing research project. They are now seeking a PGR student to help them analyse and write up several project outputs.

The overall research project aims to understand funeral director’s views and practice regarding how they physically care for people who have died. This involved interviewing 30 people about their experiences of having arranged a funeral (pre-pandemic), with specific focus on how the person who had died was cared for after the funeral director had been chosen.

A survey was also circulated to funeral director’s (271 completed) and interviews have been conducted (30). This has accumulated in a comprehensive data set which now needs to be rigorously analysed and a report written up which will be the main objective of this PGR placement.

Proposed timescales

The weekly hours are flexible and are to be agreed by the successful applicant and the Full Circle team. The maximum hours on placement are 130 hours over 3 – 6 months. The student will be provided with a £1950 bursary to cover their time on the placement.

The placement will be conducted remotely. No equipment will be provided so you will need to be able to access a laptop/computer and internet connection.

The student will be supported by the Director of Full Circle and a senior researcher at University of York via zoom.

The ideal candidate and skills required

- Previous experience of qualitative and quantitative research methods
- Understanding of how to analyse data (qualitative and quantitative)
- Previous experience of writing reports +/- academic papers
- Ability to engage with sensitive material / subject matter confidently and appropriately
- Able to work alone, communicate assertively and ask for help when required

The anticipated benefits to the students skills/experience

- Experience of analysis of primary data
- Experience of sensitive subject matter
- Opportunity to be involved in research which has never been done before
- Experience of collaboration between industry / practitioner and academics
For motivated candidate, opportunity to be contributor to report and its dissemination to practitioners and academic audience

If you are interested in applying for this placement position please send:
- CV
- Cover Letter
- Email or signature from your Supervisor that they are happy for you to undertake the placement

To LSSI Business Partnership Manager Hannah Crow H.E.Crow@leeds.ac.uk by Friday 6\textsuperscript{th} November at 5pm.

We will be reviewing the CVs after this date and you may be asked to attend an informal interview with the Full Circle team.