

University of Manchester Q-Step Summer Project 2016

Ref: #41 UoMQStep 2016 Starting Point Network Mapping

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Organisation Name: Starting Point Community Learning Partnership

Team / Department: N/A

Address: 4 Woodley Precinct, Stockport, SK61RJ

Provisional title for project: Starting Point Network Mapping.

100 word abstract of what the project would probably undertake, and any data to be used:

Starting Point is a provider of informal adult learning throughout Stockport. We work in a variety of outwork venues throughout the borough. We aim to map the existing networks in the venues we work out of. This will influence our signposting provision to help local people to access the widest range of support available. Data will be collected by the individual and analysed into predefined prevention strands. The research will then be fed back to stakeholders and board members. This piece of work will support our decision making process for business development 2017 – 2020.

Key words (up to 12):

Social Enterprise, Charity, Research, Mapping, Analysis, Community

Essential and desirable skills that the student would need to have:

Essential:

- Excellent communication skills: verbal, interpersonal, written and listening skills
- A proactive, non-judgemental, flexible approach
- The ability to develop or manage data collections.

- Good planning, organisational and time management skills
- Commitment to personal and professional development, including an ability to reflect on own performance and respond to constructive feedback
- Commitment to equality of opportunity
- Good ICT skills, including familiarity with the MS Office suite of programmes

Desirable:

- The ability to explain statistical concepts and findings through presentations to bigger groups or wider ranges, including more senior people.
- Working towards a degree for which you can provide evidence of high statistical content and understanding of the application
- Experience of using statistical software, such as SPSS, Stata, R, etc.

Where the work would be carried out:

Outreach venues, mostly libraries and community centres within Stockport. Based at office in Woodley.

Preferred selection method (interview or other meeting):

Interview with optional pre-prepared demonstration of relevant work.

Support and training offered by the organisation:

Designated mentor.

Any issues of data confidentiality and/or IPR that would need to be resolved:

None

Supporting information:

www.startpoint.org.uk

Financial assistance offered by the organisation:

Travel costs covered (capped). Free staff canteen.