

## RESEARCH ASSISTANT: THE SOCIAL GUARANTEE

We are seeking an energetic, resourceful and suitably qualified person to provide Research Assistance to the Social Guarantee.

The Social Guarantee (SG) was launched in July 2021. We aim to ensure universal access to life's essentials, building on the idea of Universal Basic Services (UBS). This means meeting everyone's basic needs within the limits of the natural environment – a goal that can only be realised through collective action, including delivery of public services to all who need them, investment of public funds and regulation in the public interest.

It's an exciting new venture that has already attracted wide support. It is especially important today because services not only play a major role in maintaining living standards and reducing inequalities, but also proactively address the climate emergency. There's more work to be done to build the case for the Social Guarantee and to get it on to the agenda of policy makers and practitioners right across the country. The Research Assistant's tasks include:

- Researching literature relevant to current policy developments and their implications (e.g. tax cuts, costs/benefits of current services, local strategies)
- Keeping abreast of related work by think tanks, academics, etc
- Helping to compile blogs, discussion papers and policy briefings
- Identifying examples of relevant practice (actual and planned) in devolved administrations, combined authorities, local authorities).

This is a part-time position, for 2 days a week with flexible and negotiable hours, working from home. The hourly rate is £20. The selected candidate will have:

- A post-graduate degree in a related field
- A keen interest in contemporary UK politics, social policy and economics.
- Proven research, analytical and writing skills, and crisp, clear, accessible communications.
- Experience with relevant bibliographic platforms, e.g. Zotero
- A strong capacity to reflect critically on issues being researched.

They will work with Anna Coote, Project Director and Maeve Cohen, Project Lead. Applications are invited by email, setting out:

- Your CV with relevant qualifications and experience (max 2 pages)
- A brief statement (max 800 words) setting out your reasons for wanting to do this work, why you are suitably qualified, how your experience to date fits what is required from the Research Assistant.
- A note of your current circumstances and availability from September 2022.
- Names and contact details of two referees (to be contacted only with the applicant's consent).

Please email to [annacoote@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annacoote@hotmail.co.uk), copied to [maeve@socialguarantee.org](mailto:maeve@socialguarantee.org)  
**Deadline for applications:** 00.01 Monday 18 September 2022.

**Interviews** are scheduled for the week beginning Monday 26 September 2022.