

Role descriptor

Role title:	Community Researcher
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Closing Date:	Wednesday 23 rd April 2025
Delivery pattern (term time only):	2 hours face-to-face training per week, over 12 weeks (term time only) A minimum of 2 hours independent work per week
Location:	University of Bradford
Start date:	TBC – early May 2025
End date:	TBC – mid July 2025
Celebration event	TBC – mid July 2025

Summary

The Community Researcher Training Programme (CRTP) was developed to provide an opportunity for people across the community to gain skills in research and to have an opportunity to conduct a research project related Bradford 2025 City of Culture, investigating an area of importance to the community. The CRTP was co-created by the University of Southampton with young people during the 'Pathways to Health Project' and in partnership with LifeLab and the EACH-B research programme. This exciting opportunity is now being offered in collaboration with the University of Southampton, Bradford 2025 City of Culture and the University of Bradford, as a pilot for widening the reach of the project.

What will it involve?

Each CRTP group will consist of small groups of community members, selected through an application process. You will be trained in research skills, taking you through project design, ethical considerations, data collection and analysis, and presentation of results. Community Researchers will attend a 2-hour, face-to-face training session once a week over 12 weeks (term time only), accompanied by at least 2 hours of independent work each week. You will be invited to a celebration event at the end of the project. You will also be required to engage in project evaluation.

Throughout the process you will be supported by local Community Trainers, who will meet with you weekly to deliver training (term time only) and provide advice and guidance on your projects and research journey.

This is an exciting opportunity to receive free research training, developing a range of skills including communication, analytical skills, time management, ethics, and presentation skills; skills which are attractive to employers and could enhance career or study opportunities. This training is offered FREE OF CHARGE by Bradford 2025 City of Culture. However, your commitment is required if you are selected for the programme.

What personal qualities and skills are needed?

- To have an interest in developing your skills in research.
- To be courteous, polite and respectful.
- To be willing to engage in discussion and share ideas.
- To have a positive attitude.

- To be curious and enthusiastic about finding out more about a topic that interests you, related to Bradford and District.
- To have basic literacy and IT skills.
- To have effective verbal communication and listening skills.
- To be able to maintain confidentiality.
- To be motivated and committed to participation.
- Prior experience of research is not expected, just a willingness to learn and take part.

Requirements of the role:

- Commitment to the role of Community Researcher and attendance at weekly training sessions in-person, 2 hours each (term time only) Day/time.
- Commitment to actively participate in training sessions, individually and as part of the group, taking part in discussions and sharing views and experiences in a constructive and respectful way.
- Commitment to complete the independent tasks set at each session, likely to take about 2 hours, before the next training session.
- Attend celebration event if feasible (date TBC), to share learning and experiences.
- Involvement in evaluation, sharing your experiences of the programme.
- Commitment to your own learning and development, and to equality and diversity.
- Be prepared to register as a Bradford 2025 Volunteer.

To apply for the role of Community Researcher: Click [here](#) to complete the application form.
Closing date is Wednesday 23rd April 2025.