Role descriptor

Role title:	Community Researcher Trainer
Points of contact:	Bradford 2025 Evaluation Team
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Closing date:	Deadline 12pm (noon) Thursday 17th April **(up to 4 places available)**
Training weekend	TBC, likely end of April
Training Location	Southampton. Applicants must be able to attend a residential weekend in April. Expenses will be covered.
Delivery pattern (term time only):	2 hours delivery per week 2 hours independent work per week 12 weeks (term-time only)
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?

The Trainers Cohort will consist of individuals interested in delivering a research skills programme for the community researchers. In pairs, you will be supported in delivering training across up to 12 weeks (term time only) – to small groups signed up to learn about research skills and delivery research as part of Bradford 2025 City of Culture.

Training for trainers will be delivered by our Southampton partners over a weekend (likely at the end of April). Expenses will be covered, however, you must be available to attend a residential weekend. Following this, you'll be assigned a group of researchers to train over a 12-week period (you will need to commit to up to 12 weeks of contact, term time only). In addition to weekly, face-to-face meetings (2 hours per week), you'll be supporting the researchers to develop their projects (up to 2 hours per week support time). You will also be invited to a celebration event at the end of the project. We are able to offer a modest financial subsidy for those who unable to do this as part of a paid day role.

What personal qualities and skills are needed?

- To have an interest in delivering research skills and developing your skills as a community trainer.
- To be respectful.
- 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.

Role requirements:

- Commitment to attending a training weekend in Southampton (date TBC, end of April 2025).
- Commitment to deliver the training (in a pair) to up to a group of Community Researchers, for up to 12 weeks (at the University of Bradford), in weekly 2-hour face-to-face meeting. Reasonable travel will be reimbursed.
- Commitment to support Community Researchers (up to 2 hours a week, delivered flexibly).
- 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.

To apply for the role of Community Trainer: Click here to complete the application form. Closing date is 12pm (noon) Thursday 17th April.

Additional skills mapping for postgraduate researchers:

Vitae's RDF descriptors (research skills) that will be developed through engagement with this opportunity:

- A1.5 Information literacy and management
- A2.4 Evaluation
- B1.1 Enthusiasm, B1.2 perseverance, B1.3 integrity
- B2.2 Commitment to research
- B3.2 Continued professional development
- C1.2 Ethics, principles and sustainability, C1.3 Legal requirements
- C2.2 Project planning
- D1.1 Collegiality, D1.2 team working
- D2.1 Communication methods, C2.2 communication media
- D3.1 Teaching