



## Candidate Information

<b>Position:</b>	Research Fellow
<b>School/Department:</b>	School of Natural and Built Environment
<b>Reference:</b>	24/111712
<b>Closing Date:</b>	Monday 22 April 2024
<b>Salary:</b>	£37,841 per annum
<b>Anticipated Interview Date:</b>	Tuesday 7 May 2024
<b>Duration:</b>	Initially available on a fixed term contract for 6 months, however, it is anticipated that the post will be available for a total of 18 months

### JOB PURPOSE:

This fixed-term researcher post will assist in the organisation, execution and analysis of community-based research for the Belfast case study of the Change Stories project. Change Stories is led by University of Washington and funded by the RJW Foundation with the aim to shift the paradigm of how we tell stories about successful urban change and who tells them, leading cities to develop deeply contextual solutions to support health, equity and wellbeing. It aims to do this by understanding diverse stories of three case study cities: Belfast (UK), Belo Horizonte- (Brazil) and Bogotá (Colombia) using equitable and de-colonial research approaches and reflexive practices, working with community organisations in each city. The project is a collaboration of five universities: Queen's University Belfast (QUB), University of Washington, Federal University of Minas Gerais Brazil and Observatory for Urban Health, Universidad de los Andes and University of Toronto. At QUB the project is led by Dr Agustina Martire (Architecture) and Prof Geraint Ellis (Planning), in conjunction with our community partners, PPR.

The post is a critical role, and as such, successful applicants will have responsibilities in independent research, planning, preparation of publications, day to day liaison with community partners and outreach.

### MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Contribute to the research and training activities required by the QUB team to fulfil its role in the Change Stories project.
2. Lead the desk-based research on the social, political, economic and cultural context of Belfast, drafting project reports as appropriate.
3. Assist with semi-structured interview of Belfast case study stakeholders, prepare and analyse transcripts as required.
4. Conduct ethnographic research of planning, regeneration and community-based initiatives in Belfast, including site and participant observation, storytelling, interviews and other innovative visual methods.
5. Support community partners (PPR) in their role in the project.
6. Contribute to the analysis and meaning making of collected data and assist in the writing of research findings and comparative analysis with other case study cities.
7. Undertake training relevant to the role.
8. Prepare regular progress reports on the performed research and training activities and present the research outcomes at meetings, project workshops, and to external audiences.
9. Participate in outreach and dissemination activities promoting the Change Stories project, including the use of social media, video-diaries, newsletters, etc.
10. Produce high quality research outputs consistent with project aims and commensurate with career stage. This will include collaborating and co-authoring with PI and project team (as appropriate) on outputs.
11. Undertake supplementary duties relevant to the success of the project including administrative duties and additional training and development activities as required.

### ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Have or about to obtain a PhD in architecture, urban planning, urban studies, geography, urban sociology or other relevant discipline.

2. Relevant experience and expertise in ethnographic and qualitative methods and analysis.
3. Sufficient breadth or depth of specialist knowledge in available strategies, techniques and methods for undertaking community-based urban ethnographic research.
4. Strong analytical and problem solving skills.
5. Ability to logically conceptualise and summarise the research findings.
6. Willingness to contribute to project outreach activities.
7. Ability to interact with colleagues and staff.
8. Demonstrable intellectual ability.
9. Ability to organise resources, manage time and meet deadlines.
10. Excellent verbal and writing communication skills.
11. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
12. Ability to work proactively and independently.
13. Ability to participate in knowledge transfer and demonstration.
14. Willingness to occasionally work outside core hours, for example during data collection and potentially undertake overseas travel in connection with the role.

**DESIRABLE CRITERIA:**

1. Specialisation in community-based, ethnographic research.
2. Employment or other practical experience of community work, urban policy/regeneration, or other aspect of community-development.
3. Placements or work experience in an academic research environment relevant to the project aims.
4. Practical experience of applying specialist skills and techniques required for the project.
5. Working knowledge of Spanish and/or Portuguese