



Student Research Opportunity

Material Reuse in the Creative & Cultural Sector

About the role

SAIL is seeking support with a research project and a knowledge exchange event that is being delivered in collaboration with colleagues from the University of Leeds Sustainability Research Institute and the Yorkshire Circular Lab.

This project is looking to develop an understanding of the barriers to change, and potential opportunities, of developing resource reuse and sharing networks amongst West Yorkshire's creative and cultural sector. The project will entail both primary and secondary research activities, including a systematic literature review and primary data collection within a workshop setting.

The ideal candidate for this role will be a motivated self-starter, with a strong ability to problem-solve, a meticulous approach to identifying, compiling and analysing information, and a passion for sustainability research, preferably within the creative and cultural sector.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the funding arrangements, this opportunity is only available to currently enrolled students at the University of Leeds.

About SAIL

Sustainable Arts in Leeds is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company (CIC), with a vision for a zero carbon/zero waste creative and cultural sector in Leeds. We operate as a members' network and provide a number of tools, training and advocacy to actively encourage and support our members to take action against the climate emergency.

Key Role Activities

- Supporting the Project Team which includes both SAIL & the YCL, by identifying and collating relevant resources for the development of a systematic literature review.
- Assisting in the delivery of a knowledge exchange event, scheduled for week commencing the 15th of April 2024. Likely responsibilities will include preparing materials, coordinating activities before and during the event, and supporting with data collection.

- Supporting the project team in the analysis and consolidation of workshop results and findings.
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The Development Opportunity

By completing this project, we expect you to develop skills and experience in:

- Identification, collation, analysis and synthesis of data.
- Event coordination and stakeholder engagement: supporting the general logistics and delivery of the knowledge exchange event.
- Working as part of the project team to deliver research deliverables.
- Knowledge of circular economy and sustainability within the context of the creative and cultural sector.

We will provide the opportunity for two-way feedback at the closure of the project.

Location: The SAIL team works remotely for the majority, but some project team meetings may be conducted in-person. The event will be in-person, taking place in West Yorkshire (venue TBC).

Working time expectations: Certain activities, such as team meetings, will be at mutually agreed times that work for all members of the project team. Other activities, such as research collation, can be completed flexibly to suit the student.

Pay: £14.74 per hour, total fee £884.16

Total expected project hours: 60 (8 days)

Start Date: February/ March, exact start date TBC with the successful applicant.

End date: We expect this project to run until the end of June 2024.

Contract type: Fixed-term studentship (self-employed). The successful applicant will therefore be responsible for their own tax/NIC contributions, and will need access to a laptop / computer. We will provide access to the relevant IT software to complete the role.

How to apply: To apply send a CV and a covering letter explaining how your skills and experience meet the requirements of the opportunity to helen@wearesail.org.

Deadline to apply: 12 noon Monday 12th February

If you have any questions ahead of the submission deadline, please contact Helen at helen@wearesail.org.

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by email in the first instance.