

I am a resident of Hassocks and I work at the University of Brighton as a lecturer in Psychology. Some of my colleagues at Brighton are looking for community organisations that might be willing to offer a placement(s) to student researchers studying for an MA in Community Psychology

Many thanks for considering this request. Please feel free to forward this information to other community organisations in Brighton and the surrounding area if you know of any who might be interested. Dr Jess Darby

### **Would your Community Organisation Benefit from Working with a Masters Student?**

Social Research Practice is a module which forms part of the MA Community Psychology programme at the University of Brighton. Students work with a community partner to carry out a piece of research which is of benefit to the partner organisation. The research can be wide-ranging, but often takes the form of an evaluation of a service, product or other area of provision. This could be to enable a service to be improved, to identify gaps in provision, and/or to feed into funding proposals for future work.

You will have the benefit of working with a trained researcher on a piece of research which is specifically tailored to the needs of your organisation. You will not have to pay anything for this, though you will be expected to provide appropriate support for the student researcher. At the end of the research students will provide you with a social research report, detailing the research investigation and findings. The report will also form part of their assessment.

Students will have about 70 hours to spend on their research. What students can do in this time will vary, but, it is reasonable to expect them to be able to carry out/analyse 2-3 focus groups, 6-8 individual interviews, or to design and analyse data from a 3-4 page survey, for example.

We encourage students to have their work practice partnership set up by the second week of January. They should be starting to think about study design around that time too; however students cannot recruit participants or collect data until they have gained ethical clearance from the University (around mid March).

### **I'm interested, what next?**

If you want to find out more about this, please email the module leader, Dr Helen Johnson, at: [h.f.johnson@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:h.f.johnson@brighton.ac.uk) if you have any questions or would like to chat about this further. Once you have decided you'd like to go ahead, all we need from you is a paragraph or two about you, your organisation and the project or area of research you have in mind. (This can be as general or specific as you like.) Please also include an email address and/or phone number where students can contact you. Ideally, we need this information by Thursday 2nd December, as students will be beginning to look for their community partners shortly after this date.

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