

Community Researcher Roles at Carbon Coop



Join us and make a difference!

Do you or someone you know have experiences with home energy efficiency schemes, such as loft insulation and central heating upgrades, that you'd like to share? Are you a team player who enjoys connecting with people from all walks of life?

We have an exciting opportunity for you! Carbon Co-op is seeking local residents to join our Retrofit for All project exploring tenant experiences with home energy-efficiency improvement schemes.

As a participant in the project, you will contribute to shaping the future of energy efficiency schemes, making them more effective and beneficial for everyone.

Skills that will be helpful

- Confident speaking to people
- Good listener
- Open minded
- Treats everyone with respect

Benefits of being a Community Researcher

- This is a paid role (£12 per hour)
- Access FREE training
- Gain real-world research skills and experience
- Access end of programme opportunities

How to apply

To learn more and how to apply, please read the FAQs overleaf.

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What does the taking part involve?

With our support you will work in pairs to interview people in your community and gather their thoughts, opinions, and experiences of energy-efficient home improvement schemes.

Your knowledge of your local area and the people who live there will be essential, as you will identify opportunities and locations to engage with members of your community.

Will I get any training?

You will receive 4 days of training to help you confidently take part. Training will cover community research approaches and facilitation skills. Shortwork will provide the training, which will take place in person in Manchester.

How many hours will I work?

Most community researchers will participate in around 7 days on the project between Sept 2024 and Jan 2025, including training sessions. These will be a mixture of full or half-day sessions. Hours will be flexible so you can fit the project around other commitments.

How much will I be paid?

You will be paid by Carbon Co-op for your involvement at £12 per hour.

Where will I participate?

Community research sessions will take place in various community venues across Manchester.

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Who can be a Community Researcher?

Community researchers come from diverse backgrounds and can be anyone aged 18+. Some may have links to the community through volunteering, work or education. Others live locally. Experience in community research or speaking a community language is beneficial but not essential.

Are there any other benefits?

After the research there will be more opportunities to:

- Work with housing providers, contractors, and communities to design and test tenant-focused tools and resources.
- Share research findings with policymakers and serve as the voice of tenants at regional and national events.

How do I apply?

You can submit your application via the online form linked here: <https://forms.gle/YQMmVmXtHy5bqjja7> or scan the QR code below. You can also apply by emailing a Word, PDF, presentation, or video submission.

The deadline for applying is **Sunday 8th September at 12 noon.**

Once we have reviewed your application, we will invite you to a short interview with Rowena from Shortwork.

Any questions or need help?

Please contact Rowena at Shortwork via the email below:
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