

Gatehouse Development Initiative
Affordable Homes Project Manager – Immediate Start
Contract Position to cover Feasibility Stage to March '24
Daily Rate £250

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The Gatehouse Development Initiative (GDI) is a volunteer run, charitable organisation, established for the benefit of the Gatehouse Community and provides a framework for the development of projects within the community. The GDI works closely with the Community Council.

Affordable Homes Project

Following a series of successful funding applications, the GDI has commissioned a feasibility study to establish the viability of building community-owned, energy efficient homes on a brownfield site in the conservation area of Gatehouse of Fleet. The former Woodside Garage site has been derelict for 17 years and is identified in the Dumfries and Galloway Local Development Plan 2 as allocated for housing. Recent community engagement has demonstrated widespread community support for the project due to the shortage of affordable homes for local people. The GDI has partnered with South of Scotland Community Housing (SOSCH) to provide support with securing funding, financial modelling, allocation policy and ongoing community engagement.

Role Description

Funding is in place to take the project to pre-planning application stage and we are now looking for an experienced, proactive and energetic Project Manager to set the pace and lead the project on behalf of the GDI. Wide ranging tasks will include the development of a detailed project plan, commissioning the site investigation survey, flood risk mitigation strategy and green transport plan along with community engagement. Careful cost control, budget management and regular progress reports to the GDI will ensure that the project stays on track. You will work with SOSCH to identify and secure future funding.

Experience Required

This is a highly rewarding but complex project with many hurdles to overcome that requires a positive, solution-focussed approach. We are looking for an energetic project lead with experience of complex building projects, who is able to bring our community housing vision to life. You will be familiar with the planning application process and will know how to move the project forward at the pace needed to meet our strict funding deadlines.

This is a contract post with an immediate start, running to end March 2024 with the potential to extend, subject to funding.

If you have the skills to help to deliver affordable homes for local people in Gatehouse of Fleet, please get in touch!

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