

Policy Intern (Find a Solution Programme)

This internship is part of the Find a Solution programme which brings together current students and local Third Sector organisations to tackle issues of strategic importance through projects that will have a lasting impact.

The role will involve producing an analysis report of price and location promotions in in-store and online retail settings in Scotland. The successful applicant will undertake a detailed analysis of price and location promotions in retail and online settings in Scotland to establish the extent to which promotions are focused on unhealthy food and drink products high in fat, salt and sugar, and produce an evidence report of the findings. The project will involve visiting a range of retail premises and online retail settings to capture evidence of price and location promotions in those locations.

The research and report produced will be used to help inform our advocacy work on the need for restrictions of these promotions and to replace them with promotions of healthy and staple foods, as a key mechanism to reduce rates of obesity and address the structural and environmental factors driving the obesogenic environment.

This internship is for 160 hours worked as 20 hours per week for 8 weeks during the summer. **To be eligible for this internship, you must be near completion of an MSc or equivalent in a policy related subject or nutrition, and you must have the right to work in the UK.** We will also consider applications from current undergraduate and postgraduate students nearing the end of their course (in a relevant subject).

What makes this internship stand out? (training, benefits etc)

- Unique third sector organisation working on a topical issue.
- Creating a document/output that will have legacy.
- Opportunity to work on influencing national policy.

Length of Internship (in weeks)

8 weeks

Starting month

June

Is the internship part-time or full-time?

Part time

For part-time roles, how many hours will the intern work?

20 hours per week

Required Year Group

- Postgraduate taught
- Undergraduate 3rd year
- Undergraduate 4th year
- Undergraduate 5th year

Targeted College

- College of Social Sciences
- College of Medicine, Veterinary and Life Sciences

Required Degree Discipline

Any policy related or nutrition related

The essential criteria for the role are

E1 Public health knowledge and awareness

E2 Strong attention to detail

E3 Excellent research and analytical skills

E4 Self-motivated personality

E5 Ability to work with minimal supervision

E6 Excellent communication skills, especially written communication skills

E7 Willingness to travel (for visits to retail premises)

The desirable criteria for the role are

D1 Political awareness, particularly the Scottish context

D2 Social conscience

D3 Previous experience of undertaking similar work

D4 Access to a car (for visits to retail premises)