

ESRC Welsh Graduate School for Social Sciences

Research in Practice Placement Opportunity

The following information has been provided by the Host Organisation and outlines the opportunity available. Any queries about this placement should be addressed to the host organisation in the details provided below.

This opportunity is only accepting applications from Postgraduate Researchers who began receiving ESRC Doctoral Training Partnership (DTP) funding in or after Autumn 2024 to undertake a Research in Practice (RinP) placement as part of their studentship.

Name of Host Organisation	North Wales Dragons Ltd
Registered Address	70 Oak Drive, Colwyn Bay, Conwy, North Wales, LL29 7YS
Website	www.northwalesdragons.co.uk
Brief description of the Host organisation:	A recreational football group focused on adult wellbeing, social impact and sustainability.
Company registration Number	Company number 08248010

PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITY

Placement role title: <i>e.g Policy officer</i>	Researcher to assist in the development of a project between North Wales Dragons, UNESCO MOST Bridges Coalition and Sports for Nature.
Background/expected impact of the project:	<p>The North Wales Dragons are members of Sports for Nature and UNESCO MOST Bridges Coalition.</p> <p>UNESCO MOST BRIDGES is a global network that connects research, communities, and policy to co-design solutions to social and environmental challenges aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.</p>

	<p>The impact of the project is to understand and protect the local biodiversity and ecosystems that we play in and around.</p> <p>We wish to demonstrate that we are not just a recreational football group, but a group that cares about where we play.</p>
Outline of duties/description of opportunity	Research existing UNESCO MOST Bridges and Sports for Nature projects and report findings on where our recreational football team could align and create a project.
Expected output(s)/deliverable(s)	Expected output is to propose a project that UNESCO MOST Bridges, Sports for Nature and North Wales Dragons could make a difference to our local biodiversity and ecosystems.
Skills and experience required for the role	An interest in social impact and sustainability.
Please indicate which of the following skills could be developed or applied during the placement, you may select more than one.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Research skills <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communication skills <input type="checkbox"/> Project management <input type="checkbox"/> Policy understanding or engagement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration / teamwork <input type="checkbox"/> Data collection <input type="checkbox"/> Specific methodologies (please specify): <input type="checkbox"/> Software skills (please specify): <input type="checkbox"/> Professional and transferable skills <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):
What support will be provided for the Postgraduate Researcher <i>e.g necessary resources, training, support and equipment for the student to undertake their placement</i>	<p>We will provide all the necessary support and guidance on the areas to research, the output needed and the impact required.</p> <p>Student is expected to have their own hardware and internet connection for research purposes.</p>

KEY INFORMATION	
Number of placements available:	1
Location of placement	Work from student residence or University premises.
Placement duration:	To suit student, can be 3 months full time or 6 months part time.

Full time or part-time <i>attend in a single block or spaced out over period of XXX months</i>	To suit student, can be 3 months full time or 6 months part time.
Working hours or core hours	7 hours per day.
In-person, online or hybrid:	90% Online, 10% Face to Face Meetings.
Anticipated start date:	1 st June 2026
Security/health and safety restrictions (if relevant)	No security or health and safety restrictions, however, GDPR must be considered on all research. It may be necessary to sign a non-disclosure agreement.
Language requirements (if relevant)	English

HOW TO APPLY	
Closing date and time for applications	As soon as possible, placement start date to be negotiated.
How to submit an application	Applicant to provide a covering letter and CV outlining their preferred start date.
Recruitment process	Please apply with your CV and Covering letter to the email address below. .
Contact name and email for any queries related to the placement:	Contact is Chris Roberts, Co-Founder Email: chris@northwalesdragons.co.uk

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION	
<i>Equality, diversity and inclusion in the workplace is about valuing all people equally, fairly and with respect, avoiding all forms of unlawful discrimination irrespective of their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.</i>	
Do you agree to uphold the principles of equality, diversity, and inclusion throughout the placement process and experience.	YES
Does your organisation have an EDI policy?	YES
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	

WGSSS Postgraduate Researchers receive their studentship stipend whilst attending their Research in Practice placement/opportunity.

It is expected that any travel expenses incurred during the course of the placement i.e. travelling to business meetings or placement events, will be covered by the placement host.

Please confirm if your organisation would be willing to contribute towards additional expenses

YES