

COMMS & ENGAGEMENT INTERN



WE ARE RECRUITING FOR A
COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT
INTERN TO JOIN OUR TEAM.

TERM: **9 months** (*fixed term, possible extension to 12 months*)

SALARY: **22k**

ABOUT US

Innovation Unit is a not for profit social enterprise operating primarily in the UK and Australia.

We create new solutions that enable more people to belong and contribute to thriving societies. Our focus is on developing thriving youth, thriving families and thriving communities.

Our approach to innovation is based on ten years working with ambitious partners in the UK and around the world. It is underpinned by a core principle: that innovation must be driven by and liberate human potential, agency and collective action.

To create the kind of impact we want to have in the world, we focus our energy on three areas:

- High value innovation consultancy - Applying and sharing our expertise in what it takes to have impact through innovation at scale.
- Initiating and growing new ventures - Leading and contributing to alliances for change, and securing investment to grow new solutions 'on the ground' where we can make a significant impact.
- Generating the demand for innovation - Actively sharing what we think, believe and know about where innovation is needed and the positive change it can create.

ABOUT YOU

You are ambitious, creative and independent. You care passionately about making a difference to people's lives and have the courage, energy and focus to make things happen and do great work.

You will need to think and learn fast to keep up, be proactive and take responsibility for your own development. The work we do is challenging but also inspiring and incredibly motivating.

ABOUT THE ROLE:

Over the past 6 months we have invested in enhancing the quality of our external communications and the way we engage with others. We are looking for an intern who can help us grow our work in this area - someone who can uncover and connect to interesting insights and ideas, create a range of compelling content and use different channels to share it in exciting ways with the rest of the world.

You'll spend time working directly as part of teams delivering innovation projects and new ventures, as well as supporting the central engagement and communications function.

We are looking for an intern who has top notch written communication skills - who can take complex ideas and create clear and concise blogs, web content, material for publications, presentations and press releases - and who gets what works on social media.

We'll also need you to support the design and running of the brilliant events and workshops that form part of our work.

THE TERMS:

Our terms are generous: you'll be based in our offices in London Old Street, earn £22,000 per year and receive 27 days paid holiday per year. You will have opportunities to work directly with clients and partners, who include: government departments; local authorities; large national charities; international consultancies; health and social care commissioners and providers; and schools. We will help you to get the most out of your time with Innovation Unit and to prepare for your next adventure.

Innovation Unit interns go on to amazing careers after they leave us. Some join think tanks, design agencies and research organisations. Others are inspired to join provider organisations to deliver the brilliant new services and systems they've been innovating.

HOW TO APPLY:

Whatever the future holds for you we hope you are excited to spend the next 9 months with us - working hard, learning a lot and making a genuine difference to people and places.

If you are, send your CV, three examples of your written work (preferably of different types and written for different audiences) and a 500 word blog post responding to any of the issues raised in our recent event 'Learning to Thrive' ([videos here](#)). Is there anything you are inspired by?

If your ideas are well articulated, bold and smart we will invite you to take part in a short telephone interview and then arrange to meet you face to face if we like what we hear – and if you like us!

Please apply by sending your CV, writing examples and blog post to kim.bosher@innovationunit.org by midday on 8th September. Telephone interviews will be held on 11th September, with face to face interviews the following week. We'd like successful candidates to start as soon as possible.