WE ARE RECRUITING FOR A VISUAL DESIGN 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:

We’re looking for a creative and flexible visual designer who has what it takes to join our amazing team on a full time paid internship for 9 months, with the possibility of extension to 12 months.

A defining feature of our work at Innovation Unit is that it’s complex. Mostly, we like it that way (the problems we tackle are tricky, no two projects are the same, we generate insights, design and iterate as we go…). We need great visual design expertise who can help us describe, illuminate and share this complexity through different kinds of visual collateral.

We are looking for a visual design intern who will work directly as part of teams delivering innovation projects and new ventures, as well as supporting the engagement and communications function. You’ll have the chance to work on everything from supporting the development of our brand identity and bringing our research to life, creating great graphics and visuals for our website, social media channels, publications and reports, proposals and presentations.

You’ll need top notch graphic design skills (including proficiency in Illustrator, Indesign and Photoshop) and will also have an interest in and experience of applying your creative flair to different kinds of projects, e.g. film, photography, motion graphics.

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:

To apply, send your CV, portfolio and a 500 word blog post on an issue that’s captured your attention in the news this month - relate it to how you think radical innovation of the kind Innovation Unit promotes could help.
If your work and ideas are 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 send your CV, portfolio and blog post to kim.bosher@innovationunit.org by midday on 8th September. Telephone interviews will be in the week of 11th September and face to face interviews in the following week. We’d like successful candidates to be able to start as soon as possible.

We look forward to hearing from you.