

## **Southwark Community Lead**

**Salary:** £28,300 p/a pro rata - £11,320 per year for two days a week.

**Contract:** Part time (2 days a week) 8-month contract. Probation period of 3 months.

**Location:** Working in-person in Southwark, from home, and with the option to work from Repowering London's office in Brixton.

**Deadline to apply:** 5pm (noon) on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

### **About the role**

This is an exciting opportunity for a Southwark resident who cares about tackling climate change locally and leading their borough towards a more inclusive and sustainable future.

As a Community Lead in Southwark, your main objective will be to build capacity and enthusiasm for an inclusive community energy movement in Southwark. You will do this through a mixture of relationship building, engagement, and training activities. You will be employed by Repowering London and will work together with our Communities Project Manager for South London.

We are looking for a Southwark resident with a strong network in the local communities, and an interest in community organising.

As a Community Lead, you will:

- Gain valuable work experience, join a motivated team, boost your confidence and grow your network;
- Learn about and dive deep into community energy, support with energy bills, community engagement methods, and community-led domestic retrofit.

### **About Repowering London's work in Southwark**

Repowering London supports local communities in London to build, manage, and benefit from renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in their neighbourhoods. We currently support ten local community energy co-operatives across London, including Lambeth Community Solar and Brixton Energy Solar in the neighbouring borough of Lambeth.

Our work in Southwark is just getting started with support and funding from Southwark Council's Community Energy Fund. To begin with, we will plan and deliver an outreach and engagement programme with Southwark residents and look towards establishing a borough-wide community energy co-operative in the future. We will also be working in partnership with the existing local energy co-op SE24 to build enthusiasm for

community energy in Southwark, and the successful candidate for this role can expect to spend some time working with SE24 volunteers and Directors as well as delivering a wider engagement programme.

### **Job description**

- Build capacity and engagement in Southwark
- Identify and recruit Southwark residents who are interested in community resilience and taking action on climate change to join the project, and build their capacity as volunteers through training and mentorship
- Build links and local partnerships with a wide range of groups and actors in the local community: associations, faith-based groups, environmental organisations, voluntary organisations, charities, youth or elderly clubs, community hubs, local businesses etc.
- Attend regular events, meetings, and activities with volunteers and community stakeholders, including the existing SE24 co-op volunteers and directors, to raise awareness of community energy and how it links with local movements
- Co-create and run community events, campaigns, and activities with Southwark residents
- Refer local residents who are living in fuel poverty to relevant services.

### **Person specification**

Repowering London will provide training and mentorship on the job to support anyone with the right passion and willingness to learn to take on this role.

#### **Essential**

- Living in Southwark
- Strong network of local contacts and knowledge of the area
- Interest in community organising, energy justice issues and/or fuel poverty

#### **Desirable**

- Has experience working/volunteering in or with community groups
- Can work independently and remotely in an unstructured environment
- Is empathetic, outgoing, and open-minded

- Has good verbal communication skills and is comfortable with speaking in public
- Uses initiative to achieve targets
- Enjoys inspiring and encouraging people

### **Position details**

You will be employed by Repowering London as the Southwark Community Lead. You must have the right to work in the UK.

**Contract:** Part-time, 2 days a week (0.4 FTE), PAYE contract. Probation period of 3 months.

**Duration:** Initially 8 months, ideally starting January 2025.

**Hours:** Flexible working hours, evening/weekend work will sometimes be required.

**Location:** A mixture of working from home, being out at community venues and events, with the option to work at Repowering London's office in Brixton.

### **How to apply**

Please email your CV to [info@repowering.org.uk](mailto:info@repowering.org.uk), alongside a video, voice note or written cover letter answering the questions below. You can send this to either [info@repowering.org.uk](mailto:info@repowering.org.uk) or via WhatsApp to **(07936 668903)**. The deadline to apply is 5pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December and we will aim to hold interviews the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> December.

In your video, voice note, or written cover letter please address the following questions:

- *What are your favourite things about the community in Southwark?*
- *Tell us about a community that you are part of (this could be an organisation, a community group or network or an informal community such as a neighbourhood or school community)*
- *Why are you interested in working with Repowering London?*

At this stage of the application process, we are primarily interested in understanding your connections to communities in Southwark, your knowledge of and experience with community groups and networks, and your interest in community energy and fuel poverty, so this is what you should focus on in your application.

If you have any questions about the role, don't hesitate to email us or to get in touch with Rachel Kregel on 07936 668903.