

PIVOTAL

27th August 2020

Dear Applicant,

Re: Research Assistant

Thank you for considering an application for the above named post. Please attach a cover letter, CV and complete the written task which is detailed on the subsequent page. Please include a CV that clearly demonstrates how you meet the criteria outlined in the personal specification to inform the shortlisting process of this application.

Please note that the application deadline is **Thursday 03.09.20 at 17:00** and no applications will be considered after this time.

Please contact info@pivotalppf.org should you have any queries related to the post.

Yours Sincerely,

Ben Harper

Dr Ben Harper
Research Manager

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WRITTEN TASK

Pivotal is a new, independent think tank in Northern Ireland. We want to improve public policy and the discussions about public policy, in Northern Ireland. Evidence, engagement and analysis are our tools. A better future is our focus. We wish to build bridges between a range of fields including government, private sector, community sector and academia. This enables us to explore problems from new angles and devise innovative solutions.

Northern Ireland faces huge economic and social challenges that today's policies are not addressing. Public services are stretched. We should make more of our people and resources. We are unprepared for a world changing at an increasing pace. With fresh ideas and a commitment to change we can do better. We can create a thriving society and fulfil Northern Ireland's potential.

Please outline the most pressing policy issue that Pivotal should focus on during the next 6 months.

Outline your rationale for the area you have focused on and how you would begin to address the issue.

Please limit your response to 500 words.