



## Shared Living Link Worker

**Reports to:** Shared Living Coordinator

**Hours/Duration:** Full time 37.5 hours per week, duration for 1 year with possibility of extension (*If no further funding available, employees could be accommodated into other services*).

**Salary scale:** £18,810 - £21,677

**Closing Date:** 7th June 2021

**Interviews:** 16th June 2021 via Google meet

Simon Community Scotland is the largest provider of homelessness services in Scotland, with a reputation for excellence. Our vision is that everyone should have a safe place to live and access to the support they need. Everything we do is about and for people: the people we support, our staff, our partners and everyone affected by homelessness. Our values are built into every area of activity and tell the story of how people remain at the heart of the Simon Community.

Our award winning Shared Living Programme was piloted in 2017 and following a successful partnership with DWP to incubate and launch the initiative, we are now seeking a self motivated and passionate individual to take the programme to the next level.

The Shared Living Link Worker role is ideal for someone who can build positive relationships and partnerships with housing associations, local authority housing officers, third sector organisations, and crucially, engage and support people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and who have aspirations to share a tenancy and commit to each other's shared life goals.

You must be a self starter who can work on your own initiative; have first class written and verbal presentation skills; be solution focussed and creatively develop this programme to ensure increased access to shared tenancies for the benefit of people who need our support.

A full, clean driving licence and access to a car is preferred for this role.

### **Key Responsibilities;**

- Build relationships with key stakeholder groups: Simon Community Scotland team, Housing Associations, Third Sector Organisations, Local Authorities to promote the Shared Living Programme as a housing option.
- Engage and support people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness who come through the Shared Living Programme to meet their housing and life goal and aspirations.
- Raise awareness of the Shared Living Programme across Glasgow and surrounding areas.

- Undertake regular presentations and written proposals which effectively promote the Shared Living Programme.
- Link with SCS' Youth Homelessness Prevention Team to maximise opportunities to promote and engage with at risk groups.
- Offer advice and information inside SCS and externally through face-to-face, telephone & email contact and keep records up to date.
- Monitor and evaluate activities and contribute to written reports for funders and trustees.

### **Digital Responsibilities**

There are three expectations we have of you. You must:

- \* Embrace technology in delivering your role.
- \* Support service users to become digitally included.
- \* Play an active role in Simon Community Scotland's social media strategy.

Some of the people Simon Community Scotland support have little experience and knowledge of the internet and using email. You will be expected to help them connect, understand and be safe whilst promoting digital inclusion for people furthest away from the digital age.