

**Project Manager: Systemic Initiatives  
Isle of Wight based  
Two years fixed-term contract**

We are looking for an experienced and engaged Project Manager who can lead projects in collaboration with some of the world's most recognised brands and industry leaders within the Foundation's network of organisations.

### **Background**

This role is based in our Fashion team. We develop and promote the idea of a circular economy for fashion; engage and inspire key actors in the system, and mobilise systems solutions at scale to create a thriving, nature positive fashion industry. Our work includes [The Jeans Redesign](#), launched July 2019, demonstrating that it is possible to make products fit for a circular economy. You will be key to further the development of our global project, facilitating knowledge exchange between iconic fashion brands, garment manufacturers and fabric mills; supporting them to take collective action to identify solutions and overcome remaining barriers and innovation gaps through our online platform, workshops and virtual meetings. Your strong analytical focus and ability to process vast quantities of quantitative and qualitative information, identifying opportunities for businesses and policymakers to take bold action will ensure the project remains a global reference point.

### **Role & Responsibilities**

Reporting to our Fashion Programme Manager, your role will be focused in the following areas:

**Project Management:** Delivering the Jeans Redesign Project, leading the public reporting process. Ensure collection of high quality qualitative and quantitative participant data. Lead the analysis and synthesis of key insights to publish a report of action taken to date, with case studies to inspire further industry and policymaker action.

**Relationship Management and Development:** Working closely with the 100+ global, cross value-chain Jeans Redesign participants, building trusting external relationships. Supporting and challenging the organisations to redesign their jeans in line with [The Jeans Redesign Guidelines](#) and common definitions. Internally working with the Fashion team and other teams at the Foundation to build synergies and ensure alignment.

**Representing the Foundation:** Representing the Foundation at international meetings, workshops and events. Some travel both domestically and internationally will be involved.

**Strategic thinking:** Building knowledge within participant organisations and facilitating pre-competitive cross value-chain collaboration to exchange solutions and best practices. Providing input to the development of the broader fashion programme strategy based on insights from the participants. Building relationships with organisations relevant to the strategic development of projects.

## Your profile

- Evidence of leading projects to deliver successful outcomes and meet time-critical milestones including project planning and management skills.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills: evidence of having written engaging documents; the ability to manage relationships with a broad range of stakeholders and contribute proactively to problem-solving in meetings and workshops.
- Logical, methodical and detail orientated approach to managing large qualitative and quantitative datasets, containing confidential information. The analytical skills to structure and solve complex problems and extract key insights from data, analysis and discussions with a broad spectrum of stakeholders. Experience with Qualtrics<sup>XM</sup> or a similar data management platform is advantageous.
- 5 years'+ experience in a role related to business and/or economics. Recent management or strategy consulting experience would be valuable. Experience of working on circular economy projects and knowledge of the fashion industry is advantageous.

**Please apply with CV and covering letter to:  
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Desired starting date:            asap  
Closing date:                        24<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Salary package:                    Circa £40k dependent on experience with generous holiday allowance, gym membership, flexible working options and multiple training opportunities.  
Location:                            Cowes, Isle of Wight. Some initial flexibility is possible on this due to current Covid restrictions.

## What we do

The Ellen MacArthur Foundation develops and promotes the idea of a circular economy. We work with, and inspire, business, academia, policymakers, and institutions to mobilise systems solutions at scale, globally.

Our mission is to accelerate the transition to a circular economy.

Our vision is a new economic system that delivers better outcomes for people and the environment. Business models, products, and materials are designed to increase use and reuse, replicating the balance of the natural world, where nothing becomes waste and everything has value. A circular economy, increasingly built on renewable energy and materials, is distributed, diverse, and inclusive.