

Project Manager: Plastics Pact Network

UK based

This is an exciting opportunity for someone with proven relationships management experience to join our UK team to be part of the New Plastics Economy (NPEC) initiative, aiming to accelerate the transition to a circular economy for plastics.

Our New Plastics Economy initiative is a global reference point and recognised voice in the global debate around plastics. We work with 1000+ major businesses, governments, NGO, scientists and other stakeholders around the world to address the root cause of plastic pollution by catalysing the transition to a circular economy for plastics.

Our [Plastics Pact network](#) is one of the major programmes of the initiative. It is a network of national or regional initiatives driving action towards a common vision for a circular economy for plastics. Led by a local implementation organisation, each Plastics Pact brings together front-running businesses, governments, NGOs and others to work towards a set of ambitious circular economy targets by 2025. Currently the network consists of 12 Plastics Pacts, covering 27 countries, representing over 30% of global GDP.

Our Plastics Pact team is responsible for engaging with the Plastics Pacts, advising and challenging them (both 1-on1 and through participating in their advisory board meetings); enabling the exchange of circular economy insights and best practices across the various Pacts; and drawing insights and conclusions from the Pacts to inform our overall New Plastics Economy strategy. The Plastics Pact network is also entering a new implementation phase, where network-wide insights, activities and coordination will be instrumental for scaling up impact.

We are looking for an exceptional project manager to advise, challenge and engage Plastic Pacts around the world, alongside co-shaping the Plastics Pact network programme.

Role & Responsibilities:

You will work with a variety of stakeholders ranging from businesses, policymakers, NGOs and others across Plastics Pacts in various countries around the world, supporting them to make ambitious progress towards achieving their 2025 plastics' circular economy targets. You will co-shape, run and extract insights from the unique global Plastics Pact network – a space to share and exchange global insights and to ideate solutions that can be implemented locally for a circular economy for plastics.

Reporting directly to the Plastics Pact Programme Manager, your main areas of work include:

- **Representing the Foundation and our NPEC initiative externally.** Being a representative of the Foundation and NPEC in meetings, on stage at events, and at conferences.
- **Being a trusted strategic partner for a broad group of international stakeholders.** Working with and building relationships with a wide range of stakeholders ranging from businesses, policymakers and cities to NGOs,

academics and others from various different geographies. Supporting them in addressing individual local challenges, while helping to ensure overall success criteria are met, advising and collaborating with them.

- **Feeding into and co-shaping the Plastics Pact network programme** and strategy with the aim to unlock ambitious progress towards 2025. Identifying common challenges and relevant circular economy insights from across Plastics Pacts around the world.
- **Facilitating pre-competitive, multi-stakeholder meetings and workshops.** Designing and planning the agenda and content of multi-stakeholder meetings, and effectively navigating group conversations to productive outcomes.
- **Capacity building & knowledge transfer.** Actively contributing to developing the Foundation's and the Plastics Pact Network's expertise, with a focus on implementing solutions for a circular economy for plastics in different markets. Packaging knowledge and insights into reports, case studies, and other assets and tools.

Your profile:

- Relevant work experience in plastics is essential for this role to apply circular economy principles to the global plastic packaging system.
- A background in the circular economy is a definite plus.
- Evidence of recent relationship management experience and excellent communication skills: the ability to interact effectively with individuals at various management levels across a variety of organisations and geographies; evidence of having written engaging documents.
- Strong organisational skills: the ability to manage multiple projects in parallel, establish priorities and effectively collaborate with different internal functions and departments.
- A good academic record and degree level qualifications in business, economics, science, political science, or other relevant discipline.
- A minimum of 5 years of previous work experience is essential for this role. Recent experience within a business or consulting environment would be beneficial.
- Excellent written and spoken English; other languages would be a definite advantage.
- Willingness to travel overseas

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.

Please apply with CV, covering letter and salary expectation to:

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Desired starting date: asap

Closing date: 6th December 2021



Salary package: Circa £40k dependent on experience and including generous holiday allowance, gym membership, multiple training opportunities and flexible working.

Location: Our office is based in Cowes, Isle of Wight but there may be the possibility of initial remote working due to the current COVID-19 restrictions.