
**Engagement Manager: New Plastics Economy Team
Isle of Wight, UK
Fixed term contract for 3 years.**

We are looking for an Engagement Manager with 3-5 years stakeholder management experience to engage with large businesses working to improve how they use plastics through our Global Commitment programme. As well as regular contact with the businesses you will be working closely with the rest of the Global Commitment team and the broader Plastics team to understand businesses' progress, leverage the latest thinking and resources developed by the team and ensure a coordinated approach. Some travel both domestically and internationally will be involved.

Background

Our New Plastics Economy initiative (NPEC) 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.

The New Plastics Economy Global Commitment is one of the major programmes of the initiative. It is a joint effort between the Ellen MacArthur Foundation and the UN Environmental Programme, which unites businesses, governments, and other organisations behind a common vision and 2025 targets to address plastic waste and pollution at its source, starting with packaging. It is the world's leading voluntary commitment programme on plastics, its ambition level has set a new norm in the industry, and it is a reference point for investors and policymakers working on this topic.

The Global Commitment team is responsible for engaging with the signatories and managing the annual reporting by more than 200 businesses and governments on the progress they have made on their 2025 targets, drawing insights and conclusions from this and creating and publishing the annual [Global Commitment Progress Report](#).

Role & Responsibilities

Reporting directly to our GC Programme Manager, your role will be as follows:

- Provide support and challenge to business signatories to the Global Commitment with the development of their plastic packaging strategies, in particular in relation to the delivery of the targets they have set through the Global Commitment, through structured and ad hoc engagements. Represent the Foundation and the New Plastics Economy at international meetings and events.
- Own the Foundation's relationship with a number of large businesses who are signatories to the Global Commitment, planning and keeping track of engagement activities and key contacts, working to build trust, as well as understanding and alignment with the Foundation's direction on plastics.
- Support the Global Commitment Network Manager with the development of the engagement strategy for the Global Commitment signatory group.

- Use conversations with signatories to gather feedback and insights on the current and future trajectory of businesses on plastics and share these back with the team to provide input to strategic thinking.
- Support the annual process of collecting and reviewing signatory progress data and use the outputs to inform engagement with signatories; support the contract review and renewal process for signatories who have contractual relationships with the Foundation.
- Build and maintain a strong working knowledge of the vision, thought leadership, guidelines and other resources developed by the Plastics team and use this as the foundation to inform engagement with signatories.

Your profile

- Recent experience within a management consultancy firm would be valuable.
- Experience of managing relationships with a broad range of stakeholders, including managing challenging conversations with senior level stakeholders.
- Evidence of leading projects to achieve successful outcomes and meet time critical milestones, including basic project planning and project management skills, as well as strong time management and the ability to prioritise effectively.
- The intellectual capacity to understand the principles of the circular economy and to apply them to the global plastic packaging system; some experience in the plastics (packaging) sector would be a distinct advantage.
- The analytical skills to problem solve complex problems and extract key insights from data, analysis and discussions with a broad spectrum of stakeholders.
- Strong communication skills: evidence of having written engaging documents; the ability to interact effectively at all levels of an organisation and to contribute proactively to problem solving in meetings and workshops.
- A good academic record and degree level qualifications in business, economics, science, political science, or other relevant discipline.
- An entrepreneurial mindset and comfortable with a high level of ambiguity.

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, and covering letter to:

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Please refer to our website to check the advertisement is still online before you apply as we interview on a rolling basis and may remove the ad before the closing date.

Desired starting date: asap

Closing date: 27th October 2021

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

Location: Cowes, Isle of Wight but with the possibility of initial remote working owing to the ongoing Covid-19 situation.