Learning Programme Manager: Africa Activation

Fixed term contract until 31 Dec 2022

Based in Cowes, Isle of Wight

This role represents an exciting opportunity to engage the Higher Education sector across Africa in all aspects of the circular economy. Reporting to our Education Lead, you will work in partnership with the African Leadership University (ALU) to deliver a programme of activities aimed to drive up the adoption of circular economy across ALU’s teaching disciplines as well as developing a research programme to support a better understanding of circular economy activities across Africa.

A key part of this role will also be to support ALU in the development of student enterprise and transforming activities on campus to provide demonstration projects to showcase the circular economy. As well as these outputs, the university has ambitions to lead the agenda in Higher Education across the continent and share the work of the Foundation as well as bringing insight on the circular economy in Africa to the Foundation’s global audience.

Role and Responsibilities

- Supporting the university in developing their circular economy action plan and programme over the funded period, bringing knowledge and expertise from the Foundation to strengthen the programme and outcomes.
- Making appropriate links between the university and wider Foundation programmes and network activities
- Facilitating the University’s engagement across the Foundation’s wider network by identifying appropriate and relevant engagement opportunities.
- Leading the programme of work to support staff capacity building at the University and support the use of the Foundation’s content and materials to develop new teaching offerings.
- Coordinate a programme of learning activities aimed at building CE capacity across the continent. These will include:
  - Inside the Circular Economy: Focus on Africa
  - Discover the Circular Economy: A masterclass for African Teenagers
  - Staff training at ALU
- Identifying appropriate content to share and showcase to the wider global audience
- Building appropriate networks and contacts across a wide range of African Universities and working alongside the Higher Education Network Manager to profile Universities as appropriate.
- Keeping abreast of wider developments in circular economy application and teaching globally through our established global Higher Education community.

Your profile:

- No specific degree qualifications are required, but suitable career experience is most relevant for this role.
- Previous relationship and network management experience is essential together with evidence of negotiating and facilitating relationships to deliver shared outcomes across a range of organisations.
● Strong track record of successful project and programme management

● Experience of working with or within Higher Education is preferred, but not essential.

● Excellent written and spoken English is a prerequisite. Further languages appropriate to the African continent would be an advantage.

● Understanding of the circular economy framework and/or the ability and desire to develop knowledge of the circular economy framework in order to ensure the clear communication of our key messages.

● Knowledge of Africa and its unique global challenges is desirable but you must have the ability and desire to develop knowledge and understanding of circular economy across the continent.

● Evidence of strong ICT skills with the ability to learn new systems and processes quickly.

What we do

The Ellen MacArthur Foundation is an innovative not-for-profit organisation with a mission to accelerate the transition to a circular economy. The Foundation works with the world’s largest organisations and the emerging innovators that are bringing a circular economy to life. If you would like to learn more about the Ellen MacArthur Foundation or the circular economy, please visit www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org

Please apply with CV and covering letter to:

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Desired starting date: asap

Closing date: 17th September 2021 but we review applications on an ongoing basis so please check online before you apply to make sure the ad is still live.

Salary package: Salary level will be dependent on experience but will be circa £35k per year. This is a fixed term contract role until December 2022.

Travel expectations: Once current COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, visits to Africa will be expected to be around 3 times a year.

Location: Cowes, Isle of Wight with the possibility of initial remote working due to the current COVID-19 restrictions.