

## Food Disaster Risk Planning - Research Assistant Job Description

**Job title:** Research Assistant

**Contract:** Casual contract, averaging 10 hours per week for 8 months.

**Reports to:** Dr Will Baker (University of Bristol)

**Pay rate:** £23.52/hour (inclusive of statutory holiday pay)

**Location:** Bristol, or remote with capacity to travel to Bristol for meetings and workshops

**Project partners:** University of Bristol, University of the West of England, Feeding Bristol, Bristol Food Network

**Availability:** to start between November 2024-January 2025

### What is Food Disaster Risk Planning?

Bristol Food Network, Feeding Bristol, University of Bristol and University of the West of England are developing a 'Disaster Risk Plan' for food for Bristol. This will be a toolkit with clear steps for the city to take in the case of a future crisis affecting our food system.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, sudden disruptions to food supply, food access, and price stability led to widespread food insecurity. Communities who stepped in to provide food for the most vulnerable faced multiple challenges that must be recognised and developed into learning. Alongside the risks of another pandemic, risks from climatic, economic and political shocks are increasing. We need to be prepared, so that next time we are faced with a similar scenario, there is an agreed plan for how to organise and implement emergency food provision in the most effective way.

- **The role** – this is a varied role that will involve supporting various aspects of project to develop a Disaster Risk Plan for Bristol. Though line managed by the University of Bristol, this is a collaborative project, and you will be working closely with all project partners.
- **Main duties and responsibilities** - these include supporting research, analysing data, report writing, workshop support, active involvement in project meetings, knowledge exchange, organising activities and workshops with a wide range of stakeholders.
- **Skills and experience** – The successful applicant will have at least a Master's degree, or equivalent professional experience\*, in areas related to food insecurity, food systems, social policy, or community research and development. They will have excellent communication skills (written and verbal), experience of qualitative data analysis, and stakeholder engagement. The successful applicant will be able to work independently, as part of a team, and

engage with a wide range of external stakeholders including community-based organisations. A good knowledge of Bristol and co-production methods are desirable.

\*A university degree is not essential. If you have conducted research through professional experiences, we encourage you to apply. This must include experience of data collection, qualitative analysis and report writing.

- **How to apply.** Please submit a 2-page CV and a cover letter explaining how you meet the criteria. Applications should be submitted to Dr William Baker ([will.baker@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:will.baker@bristol.ac.uk))

The deadline for expressions of interest is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024. Interviews will be held on the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> November.

For informal discussions about the role, please contact [will.baker@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:will.baker@bristol.ac.uk).