

About the Role

We are looking for a candidate who is based in Merton to help us reach out to communities in Morden Town Centre to participate in a project through which we will improve surrounding streets and spaces to make them greener, more pleasant and sociable.

In November 2023, Merton Council announced that it will be investing £300,000 of Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy to improve Morden Town Centre, partly through a Meanwhile-Use Strategy to brighten up and activate public spaces around Morden. The strategy will start by engaging residents, businesses and visitors to inform the delivery of temporary projects for a period of five years. The strategy will consider opportunities for seating, planting, and adding colour to Morden.

Engagement events to inform the strategy will take place in the early summer 2024 around Morden. We will be communicating more information in May with a full timetable of events and workshops. We would then progress with designing the interventions with the aim to start delivering the interventions from the Autumn 2024.

The candidate will support before and during the engagement to maximise participation and ensure various voices are heard in the process.

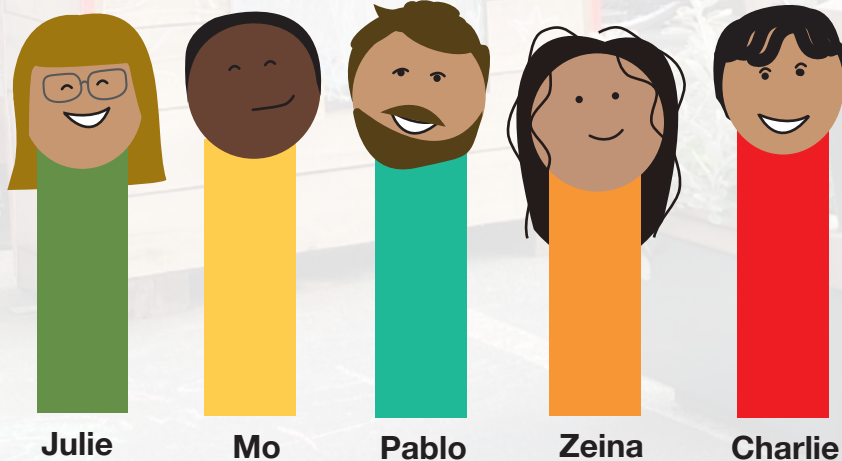
About Sustrans

Sustrans works with communities to ensure that the benefits of walking, wheeling and cycling are enjoyed by everyone. Since 1977, Sustrans have been promoting active travel at the UK level. Sustrans is embedded in London with a dynamic team composed of 50 dedicated multidisciplinary professionals in the fields of collaborative design, design and engineering as well as landscape architecture and transport planning. Sustrans' approach ensures that the voices of communities' voices are amplified through the design and engagement for Morden Town Centre.

About Lugadero

Lugadero will be working on the engagement process alongside Sustrans. Lugadero is an urban design practice that focuses on facilitating co-design processes with communities and on placemaking. They have experience running co-design workshops and building meanwhile public spaces in the borough, having delivered the project Play Wimbledon.

Meet the team and see similar projects



Walworth child friendly neighbourhood



Play Wimbledon meanwhile spaces in St Mark's Place and New Wimbledon Theatre during the co-design workshops with Lugadero and FirecrackerWorks

Role	Engagement and Outreach Assistant
Project	Morden Town Centre Meanwhile Strategy
Location	Hybrid – in person, Morden, and online. The role requires face to face meetings with various people and businesses in Morden
Works with	Sustrans Project Manager, Merton Council
Duration	15 May to 26 June 2024, full time, or part time extendable
Pay	13.15 per hour (London Living wage) for a total of 160 hours maximum, or alternatively in kind gift vouchers. Please speak to us about your preference for compensation when you apply
Working Hours	Flexible - the person is expected to spend about 160 hours of work over the course of the 1.5 months. There may also be a need to meet people in the evenings and daytimes. If a part time role is preferred, we will adjust hours or duration to suit.
Summary of Role	The engagement assistant will support in spreading the word about the Morden Town Centre public space strategy, reaching out to local groups, businesses and stakeholders, and help come up with creative ideas to work with them and involve them in engagement activities.
Responsibilities	1. To help spread the word about the Morden Town Centre meanwhile space strategy, ensuring residents, visitors and businesses are aware and can fully contribute through the engagement taking place in June 2024. 2. To reach out in particular to voices seldom heard, such as young people, elderly people, and people who are socially or economically excluded. 3. To support in establishing relationships and early outreach with stakeholders, to talk about the project to various community groups, and gain an understanding of various stakeholder needs. These could be residents, local businesses, leaders of faith groups, grassroots community groups, educational actors or other local institutions in Morden (you will receive guidance on priority stakeholders from the project team). 4. To participate in coming up with creative ideas to work with businesses, universities, and other entities, e.g. sports clubs, institutes, council buildings, to support their members staff, students and visitors to take part in workshops and engagement activities around Morden's meanwhile strategy. 5. To take the lead in advertising 4 workshops to local community groups and stakeholders and encouraging attendance. 6. To support in planning 4 workshops for stakeholder engagement, including workshops logistics, content. 7. To support with overseeing and monitoring engagement boards
Skills/Qualifications/Requirements	1. Available part-time (Monday - Saturday) for the full duration of the role. 2. Must live in or around Morden 3. A good knowledge of Morden, its history, cultural diversity, and surroundings 4. A desire to meet people, explore the area, meet businesses, and discuss ideas for the future of Morden. 5. Good presentation and communication skills, able to pitch the project and ideas to a diverse audience. 6. Basic computer literacy and ability to communicate via email or Teams calls would be helpful but can be worked around. 7. No formal qualifications required for this role
Any other requirements	A phone or a way for people to be able to communicate with you and to reach out to local stakeholders

To apply: Submit a CV and an expression of interest outlining your background, willingness to get involved, and knowledge of Morden by Monday 6 May 2024 to charlie.feighan@sustrans.org.uk and zeina.hawa@sustrans.org.uk We do not necessarily require a formal cover letter. A summary or bullet points of your interest would be sufficient.

Engagement and Outreach Assistant

Are you curious about people and diverse groups in Morden?
Interested in health and wellbeing in cities?

Are you interested in public engagement and involving residents in shaping their neighbourhoods and cities?

We are looking for an engagement assistant for Morden's public space strategy

May & June 2024
6 week paid opportunity

Apply by 6 May

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What is the aim of the project I would be participating in?

Delivering a meanwhile strategy to improve public spaces in Morden's town centre with pop up interventions

What is a "meanwhile" strategy?

Meanwhile use involves creating temporary public spaces, usually with semi-permanent, moveable elements

What would my role in the project be?

Outreach to and engagement with residents and businesses, to encourage them in shaping their neighbourhoods