

## **(32) Tales of Covid Opportunity for a researcher/writer**

London Plus is a young charity that has successfully established itself and built a positive reputation across London. Our work supports London's voluntary and community sector by providing connections to policy-makers, collecting data, developing insights, and running networks.

We have played an important role in London's response to Covid and contributed to a growing appreciation of the value and importance of civil society. We have strong links across London's voluntary and community sector, as well as with charitable funders, the GLA, London Councils and specialist groups.

During the pandemic, London's voluntary and community sector has played hugely important roles. Across the whole of London, stories abound of the contributions and vital roles played by the sector. Here are just a few of these:

- In Croydon, the volunteer centre amassed a fleet of 87 vans and drivers from local schools and businesses to collect and distribute food, running this fleet and ensuring no-one in the borough went hungry.
- In Camden, the charity GoodGym stepped in when local pharmacies were unable to deliver prescriptions. This ensured vulnerable and unwell NHS patients got their medicines.
- In Sutton, volunteers distributed vital PPE week to local GP surgeries across the borough.

London Plus now wants to commission a researcher/writer to compile a set of stories and case studies covering all of London's 32 boroughs. The output will be a publication illustrating the depth, variety and importance of this work, and teasing out the lessons for the capital's policy-makers and communities. The content may also be developed for digital platforms as well. The distribution and dissemination of the report will be the joint responsibility of the appointed writer and London Plus.

This is an exciting opportunity for a freelance writer to learn about and then showcase the richness and variety of London's community life, contributing to the city's recovery from the pandemic.

The rate for the work is £250/day and it is estimated to take up to 80 days. These figures and the workplan will be subject to discussion and review with the successful candidate.

If you are interested in this, please send a cv, covering email and an example of your written work to [emily@londonplus.org](mailto:emily@londonplus.org) by close of business 20 August 2021. If you have any questions or want to discuss the project, email Martin Brookes, London Plus Chief Executive at [martin@londonplus.org](mailto:martin@londonplus.org).

