

Role summary

The Urban Design Group is an interdisciplinary team, covering a wide range of scales from strategic regional studies to masterplans, urban regeneration and large architectural projects. Design excellence is our core value, and we believe that this requires an active dialogue between various disciplines. The group brings together several experts from different backgrounds (urban planning, landscape architecture and spatial design, economics and social anthropology, amongst other) to create unique environments and spaces, designed for people, that have positive impacts beyond the projects' boundaries.

We understand that a viable economic strategy is critical for any successful urban development. As we expand our urban planning team, we are looking for an Urban Economist to join our multi-disciplinary group. The ideal candidate will have professional experience in urban economics or economic development, possess a broad range of skills that can be applied to international projects, and have an interest in planning and design.

Role Definition

Job title: Urban Economist
Reporting to: Manager on a day-to-day basis, and ultimately the Senior Partner.

Responsibilities

- Conduct socio-economic analysis to support planning and design strategies.
- Assist in the development of the project vision and brief, including the creation of sustainable long-term strategic growth plans that demonstrate both site-specific benefits and wider positive spill over effects
- Prepare socio-economic impact assessment of projects at local and regional scales
- Analyse the competitiveness of different industries, based on high-level research on future economic trends, to identify opportunities in the market (highest and best use studies)
- Undertake innovative and informative research projects, developing an understanding of past economic development strategies to inform how we can best design the cities of the future
- Evaluate real estate planning from local market conditions
- Advise on project feasibility and phasing (high-level cash flow analysis)
- Formulate strategies for skills and employment for large scale projects
- Contribute, or otherwise assist, as required

Qualities and Skills required

- Strong analytical skills and ability to translate data and analysis into insights
- Demonstrate initiative and a proactive approach to daily tasks
- Excellent organisational skills
- Able to manage sensitive and sometimes confidential information
- Ability to act autonomously and lead in performing tasks above, yet essential to be able to work as a team in a fast-paced multidisciplinary environment
- Legally able to work in the country in which the position is based
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This description reflects the core activities of the role but is not intended to be all-inclusive and other duties within the group/department may be required, in addition to changes in the emphasis of duties as required from time to time. There is a requirement for the post holder to recognise this and adopt a flexible approach to work. Job descriptions will be reviewed regularly and where necessary revised in accordance with organisational needs. Any major changes will be discussed with the post holder.