

Role Summary

The Urban Design Group is an interdisciplinary team, covering a wide range of projects from strategic planning to urban design and landscape architecture. In the pursuit of design excellence, we encourage an active dialogue between different disciplines, which is why our team comprises a number of experts - from planning to landscape architecture, spatial design, and social anthropology. We all come together to create unique environments and spaces with a social focus, whose positive influence extends beyond the project brief.

Our projects are situated across the globe, and we believe it is important to understand the specific planning and development context early on, so our designs respond to the stated planning policy and aspirations - whether we are looking at an individual building, a masterplan or policy making at a strategic scale.

We are looking to recruit an Urban Planner to join our team in London. Individuals with an interest in urban development, policy, economics, and strategic planning, as well as a capacity to deliver compelling narratives, are encouraged to apply.

Role Definition

Job Title: Urban Planner

Reporting to: Manager on a day-to-day basis and ultimately to the Senior Partner

Responsibilities

- To seek to understand the design/master plan project and conduct research into relevant urban design and planning issues in different parts of the world.
- Provide overview of local and regional planning frameworks
- Perform context analysis in GIS
- Provide project input, working along-side other specialists in the Urban Design Group and members of the design studios.
- To contribute, or otherwise assist, as required
- Thorough knowledge and compliance with Foster + Partners procedures and standards
- Equity, diversity & inclusion (EDI) is a core priority. To support and champion the embedding of this focus as a collective workforce responsibility, EDI should be integrated, where relevant, into all workstreams.

Qualities & Skills required**Essential**

- Able to demonstrate ability to undertake the above responsibilities
- Legally able to work in the country in which the position is based
- Excellent organisational skills
- Able to manage sensitive and sometimes confidential information
- Self motivated and able to take responsibility

- Able to demonstrate initiative and a proactive approach to daily tasks
- Good interpersonal skills and able to work independently and as part of an effective team
- Flexible attitude
- Able to build good relationships at all levels, internally and externally
- Resilient to cope with conflicting demands, able to prioritise duties and work effectively under pressure [while always remaining calm and professional]
- Able to work as part of an effective team assisting and supporting team members
- Able to use a variety of media in the development and documentation of a design project
- Able to manage sensitive and sometimes confidential information

Desirable

- Evidence of the ability to understand design decisions taken by others
- Ability to use some of the following: GIS, PhotoShop, Illustrator, InDesign, Internet Explorer, Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint
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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.