

## THREE RESEARCH POSTS AT THE INSTITUTE FOR VOLUNTEERING RESEARCH

The Institute for Volunteering Research (IVR) is a specialist research agency, focusing on volunteering and voluntary action. It carries out a wide ranging research programme including research and evaluation for a range of government departments, volunteer-involving organisations and the volunteering infrastructure. IVR is an initiative of Volunteering England. Visit [www.ivr.org.uk](http://www.ivr.org.uk) to find out more about the team and our work.

We are currently seeking to recruit three researchers – two Heads of Research (fixed term, 1 year maternity cover) and one Research Officer (fixed term, until June 2011) to help develop and deliver IVR's programme of research. The primary purpose of the roles is to carry out research so as to improve knowledge and evidence base for the volunteering infrastructure and volunteer-involving organisations on the policy, practice and theory of volunteering.

*Volunteering England has a generous terms and conditions of service package. This includes flexible working, 25 days annual leave plus 3 days to cover Christmas and New Year, six days paid Employer Supported Volunteering time, 5% non-contributory pension after three months service and an interest free season ticket loan.*

*These posts are based within the IVR, which is itself based within the Public Affairs Directorate of Volunteering England*

**Brief details are below, but job descriptions, application forms and further details are available online at [www.volunteering.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.volunteering.org.uk/vacancies) or email: [recruit@volunteeringengland.org](mailto:recruit@volunteeringengland.org) for a full pack. We do not accept CVs**

**The closing date for receipt of applications for all three posts is 5pm Friday 18 December and interviews will be held in the week commencing 11 January 2010.**

### **Head of Research – 2 posts available**

*Fixed term for 1 year (maternity leave cover)*

*Full-time, 35 hours per week*

*£35,053 per annum*

<http://www.volunteering.org.uk/WhoWeAre/jobvacancies/Head+of+Research.htm>

You will carry out research at the Institute for Volunteering Research (IVR) by undertaking and leading projects, and reporting on findings; you will develop specific research projects and the IVR research programme as a whole, so as to improve knowledge for Volunteering England and volunteer-involving organisations on policy, practice and theory of volunteering. You will be responsible for line-managing research officers within IVR.

Completed application forms should be returned, by 18 December 2009. Successful candidates will be advised that their application has been shortlisted for interview by e-mail by 4 January 2010. If you haven't heard by the end of that week, your application has been unsuccessful. Interviews will be held on 12 January 2010

### **Research Officer (Pathways through Participation)**

*Fixed term – end date 03.06.11*

*Full-time, 35 hours per week*

*£25,520 (incl London weighting)*

<http://www.volunteering.org.uk/WhoWeAre/jobvacancies/Research+Officer.htm>

The Research Officer will have a key role in delivering a research study into 'Pathways through participation: What creates and sustains active citizenship?' This is a joint research project between IVR, NCVO (the lead organisation) and Involve. Each organisation has a history of researching the different forms of participation that will be explored together in this project. The project has been funded by the Big Lottery Fund through its Research Grants programme. It is a 2.25 year project, which commenced in April 2009. The post will be one of three Research Officers appointed to work

on the project (with one in each organisation). You can find out more about the project by visiting its website: [www.pathwaysthroughparticipation.org.uk](http://www.pathwaysthroughparticipation.org.uk)

Completed application forms should be returned, by 18 December 2009. Successful candidates will be advised that their application has been shortlisted for interview by e-mail by 4 January 2010. If you haven't heard by the end of that week, your application has been unsuccessful. Interviews will be held on 15 January 2010