

WISERD PhD Placement Opportunity 2017 in collaboration with the IWA.

Renewable energy for Wales: 'Social and Community Issues'

The Wales Institute of Social & Economic Research, Data & Methods (WISERD) is offering a placement opportunity for existing PhD students who are part of the ESRC Wales Doctoral Training Partnership (DTP). The student will be hosted by the WISERD Civil Society centre under the supervision of Professor Judith Marquand and will contribute to a research project in partnership with the Institute of Welsh Affairs (IWA) addressing Renewable energy for Wales. This is an excellent opportunity for PhDs engaged in work that addresses community and civil society involvement in environmental initiatives and interventions.

The student will work with Professor Marquand to undertake field work in Wales examining values that underpin community engagement in energy saving and generation and the barriers to increased participation. This will involve consultation with communities across Wales and the Welsh government, collaborative working with IWA and some qualitative interviewing of individuals in community settings. The placement will need to be undertaken from September 2017 (there will be some flexibility in start date but the work will need to be completed before April 2018).

WISERD will fund an extension to the PhD for six months (including fees and stipend). In addition, the placement will cover travel costs associated with the fieldwork and travel costs of the placement if the location of the placement was not the normal location of the studentship.

The placement provides a further 6 months PhD funding and in agreement with Wales DTP provides an extension to the PhD term. **Please note:** this opportunity is not available to those students in their first or last three months of the funded period of their PhD study. All students wishing to apply should seek permission from their supervisor(s).

Application deadline is the 1st September 2017 at 5pm.

Interested candidates are encouraged to discuss the project with Professor Judith Marquand on: judith.marquand@wolfson.ox.ac.uk

Guidance Notes and Application form available from wiserd@cardiff.ac.uk

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