

# Publica

**October 2024**

**Urban Designer / Landscape Architect**

**Job description**

## **About Publica**

Publica is a research and urban design practice that works at a variety of scales, from the detailed design of a single street to setting the vision and strategy for an entire district. We are an ambitious and energetic company that advises local authorities, landowners, developers, architects and community organisations, both in the UK and abroad. Our projects are driven by rigorous analysis of place and context, combining active, in-depth fieldwork and documentation with an ongoing study of international best practice.

## **The team**

Publica's team has detailed knowledge and understanding of urban conditions, coupled with a high level of technical expertise in the fields of public realm, landscape and urban design, strategic planning, research, film production, communications and graphic design. We place great emphasis on good design at all scales and on producing engaging, informative and accessible communications material as an integral part of our project, in the dissemination of our research and to advocate for a holistic, evidence-based approach to urban growth.

## **The position**

This is a full-time role working from our office above Smithfield Market in Farringdon. Urban Designer candidates should have RIBA II, Masters or equivalent landscape architecture or urban design qualification. They should have a minimum of two years' professional experience of producing urban design or equivalent within architectural practice, including detailed analytical work.

At Publica, you will work as part of a multi-disciplinary team, preparing and delivering public realm strategies and designs for a number of sites in the UK and abroad.

## **Key responsibilities**

- Contributing to the delivery of complex and/or multiple urban design, landscape and public realm projects including the following essential skills:
- Experience working across RIBA Stages 0-4, including developed and detailed design.
- Leading the development and production of design studies and drawing sets.
- Drawing and digital visualisation using Adobe CS and Microsoft Office suites, AutoCAD, Rhinoceros, and physical models.
- Carrying out desk-based research and archival research.
- Assisting in the assembling of case studies.



- On-site area surveying, including interviews, photography, and mapping.
- Further desirable skills include writing, presentation, and GIS skills.
- Working closely and effectively with other members of the team, including the Executive Team, Projects Director, Senior Urban Designers, other Urban Designers, Graphic Design Team, Researchers and Project Assistants or freelancers in the delivery of projects.
- Management of project deadlines and effective coordination with other Publica internal teams, such as graphic design, research, communications and administration.
- Contributing to the production of presentations for external audiences.
- Adhering to all filing procedures.
- Attending internal staff meetings, including full team meetings and project meetings.
- Helping to maintaining digital and paper office filing systems relating to the above projects.
- General office duties relating to the above work such as printing, tidying or day-to-day correspondence.

### **Salary**

Negotiable based on experience.

### **Applications**

CV, cover letter and portfolio (PDF format, max 10MB) to [recruitment@publica.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@publica.co.uk) stating Urban Designer application in the subject line.

We can only accept applications from individuals with the right to work in the United Kingdom.

### **EDI Statement**

We are a small company that recognises the importance of diversity within our team. Understanding and representing different perspectives and ways of experiencing our urban environments is critical to our work. As Jane Jacobs succinctly put it, ‘cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody.’

We have an inclusive, family-friendly, equitable culture with flexible working and regular opportunities for training and staff development. We are respectful, supportive and welcoming to each person on our team, the people that we work with on our projects, and to everyone in our wider community. As a result, we have built a wide network of clients, collaborators and friends of the company who share our ethos and values.

We encourage applications from people of all backgrounds, experience, age, nationality, race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, belief and disability. Join us at Publica in making cities more functional, equitable and beautiful.