**ADVERT: Domestic Energy Assessor**

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This is a reskilling and career development opportunity. It is not a paid role. Flexible working is permitted to allow you to work this opportunity around other commitments.

An enhanced DBS ‘Disclosure and Barring Service’ check for regulated activity (formerly known as CRB)

and the Children’s and Adults’ Barred List checks will be required for this role.

**\*\*You must be available for training on the week of 25th September 2023\*\***

**About the Role:**

Are you looking to change careers into a meaningful role that tackles today’s most pressing issues?

Do you enjoy interacting with, and helping your fellow Surrey residents?

Want to help us create cleaner, healthier neighbourhoods and jobs in a low carbon economy?

Surrey County Council (SCC) is offering you the opportunity to train as a Retrofit Assessor.

We aim to support your journey toward becoming a Retrofit Coordinator, which requires 2 years of on-the-job experience after achieving a Retrofit Assessor qualification. This requirement means residents looking to retrain into the retrofit sector will likely need to work whilst achieving their qualifications and paying for their training.

We will therefore support successful applicants reskilling journey by:

* funding your Retrofit Assessor training
* supporting your on the job experience by providing survey leads which help you create a portfolio
* paying your travel expenses.

As part of your portfolio building we will require you to complete at least 25 residential retrofit surveys over the course of several months as part of the learning agreement.

SCC will pay for three Surrey residents to undertake fully accredited training with Elmhurst, allowing these residents to gain the following qualifications free of charge:

* Domestic Energy Assessor Training – the qualification required to conduct Energy Performance Certificate assessments
* Retrofit Level 3 & 4 Diploma – to become a Retrofit Assessor

**The Team**

You will be working with the Greener Futures Engagement Team, to support the objectives of the council’s 2050 net zero plan. The team is responsible for driving forward community engagement in a number of areas, including emissions reductions, biodiversity net gain, behaviour change and more.

Your role will be focused on helping to reduce the 30% of Surrey’s emissions which come from residential energy, with the specific objectives:

* Make measurable reductions in Surrey’s emissions by educating and empowering communities
* Explore the creation of neighbourhood-scale group purchasing schemes which make retrofit more affordable
* Create cleaner, modern, healthier homes and neighbourhoods.

With 185,000 homes in Surrey currently EPC-rated D or worse, this role will help to pilot an innovative approach to reducing residential energy emissions through community schemes. As well as assessments, you will be required to use your knowledge to train other residents, empowering community members to develop the skillsets that enable adoption of low carbon technologies.

You will visit residents’ properties, undertaking whole-house surveys which can help to inform the householder how to best progress a plan to improve the energy performance of their property. You may work with SCC’s delivery agents, such as Retrofit Coordinators at Action Surrey, to provide complete retrofit plans.

You will receive the training needed to become a Retrofit Assessor, so experience is not essential, but an understanding of energy efficiency and building techniques is preferable. To be shortlisted to interview for this position your application will clearly evidence:

* Your experience working with communities in solution-focused roles
* A personable, flexible, and engaging way of working
* The ability to work with complex data and present it in a clear and digestible way
* A commitment to supporting a managed transition to a low carbon future

Once qualified as a Retrofit Assessor, you need 2 years of experience to become a Retrofit Coordinator. We will help you to start building your portfolio over a set period of time, as you conduct whole-house assessments for SCC, delivered strategically to try to enable experimental small-scale group purchase schemes.

**Timescales**

Timescales and commitments will be as follows:

Sept 2023 – Gain Domestic Energy Assessor qualification

Oct 20233 – Gain Level 3&4 Retrofit diploma qualification

Dec 2023 – begin building retrofit portfolio

Dec 2025 – after 2 years of on-the-job experience you can apply to become a Retrofit Coordinator

**The training is 3 days, online, 25th, 26th, 27th Sept 2023.**

**T&Cs**

* You will be expected to complete an agreed number of assessments and/or hours, as will be discussed at interview stage
* You may be expected to run 1 or 2 training sessions for community members, delivering material as agreed between yourself and Surrey County Council

**How To Apply**

You can apply for this role, or get in touch for a more detailed discussion, by contacting Ben McCallan at ben.mccallan@surreycc.gov.uk

**Additional Information:**

The job advert closes at 23:59 Monday 4th September.

Interviews will take place from Weds 6th September

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**Equal Opportunities:**

Surrey County Council is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young

people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We want

to be an inclusive and diverse employer of first choice reflecting the community we serve and

particularly welcome applications from all underrepresented groups.