

## **Background Information**

### **Energy Academy**

### **Local Project Manager Requirements**

#### **AFSL**

Action for Sustainable Living supports individuals and their communities to make a difference. We believe that small steps lead to big changes.

Since 2003, Action for Sustainable Living has successfully connected people, shared resources and supported communities to live more sustainably. Our unique, tailored and holistic approach is a highly effective way for communities to respond to the challenge of climate change.

AfSL relies on volunteers to function; they play an essential role in our projects and core work. Volunteering is an important part of Action for Sustainable Living's activities and we try to find outlets for all skills and interests.

#### **The Academy**

AfSL is working in partnership with Trafford Council, Manchester Knowledge Capital and the Energy Saving Trust to build a supported volunteer network to engage, enthuse, advise and support residents in maximising the energy efficiency of their homes in the Altrincham area.

#### **Local Project Manager Role**

A Local Project Manager is a point of contact for their local community. LPMs attend events, give talks and set up action groups or projects, for example a local action group to raise awareness of energy saving measures.

#### **In Practice**

Local Project Managers volunteer for Action for Sustainable Living to represent the Energy Academy. Being a LPM involves meeting and supporting local people and their community to take simple steps towards more sustainable living. The Energy Academy has a specific focus on energy efficiency.

#### **At Present**

AfSL currently has LPMs in various wards in Trafford and South Manchester wards. We would like to support new areas and are looking for Voluntary Local Project Managers to help us to do this in Altrincham, Timperley, Broadheath, Hale, Bowden and Village.

### What we are looking for in LPMs

- Enthusiasm and ability to motivate the community
- Interest in sustainability and community issues
- Knowledge of the local community
- Keen to make a difference
- Ability to commit a minimum of 6 hours per week
- Ability to be a self-starter and to work on own without day-to-day supervision
- Ability to facilitate small meetings
- Basic admin and IT skills

### Why be a LPM?

- Make a difference!
- Challenging and rewarding experience
- Engagement with your local community
- Skills development and experience in facilitation, teamwork and communication
- Raised awareness of environmental and social issues
- A stepping stone in to a career in the environmental or community sector

### LPM Support

- Ongoing support from AfSL staff, including inductions, mentoring, a set of support resources and a month by month action plan to guide you through the resources and give you achievable structured targets for each month.
- AfSL Website online resources
- Networking events to help LPMs learn from each other
- A comprehensive training programme
- Attendance at training sessions encouraged
- Reasonable expenses will be covered