

## **Position description**

**Title:** Professional Librarian

**Funding Available:** up to £40,000 for period of approx 20 months to 31 October 2018

**Commitment:** Actual hours will be negotiated but should start by or before 1 April 2017.

**Project ends:** October 2018

**Location:** working across Brent

**Travel information:** Brent is within London Transport Zones 2/4.

Professional community librarian sought by a small network of libraries in Brent, North West London, operating as independent volunteer-run community libraries.

The Brent Community Libraries (BCL) network is made up of four community libraries, spread across Brent, which are at different stages in development and operation. The libraries are all registered charities and each library is supported by a strong group of residents. Brent is one of the most diverse areas in the country and this post offers the opportunity to develop services for people across a wide range of ages, backgrounds and abilities.

The libraries are committed to providing lively top quality service their diverse neighbourhoods. We are in an innovative position, collaborating with each other, local community groups and the Council. This is a great opportunity to create a whole new way of approaching how libraries serve the community.

Applicants should have professional library/information science qualification and at least 18 months' experience of working in a library. Experience of working with community organisations and volunteers is desirable.

The successful applicant will work to develop a community library strategy, train and develop the volunteers who provide the services and liaise with the Brent Library Service, which is strongly supportive of this project, attending meetings as required. They will work at each library, meeting representatives of the community library network by arrangement.

### Brent Community Libraries:

- Barham Library <http://barhamlibrary.uk> (Friends of Barham Library – FOBL)
- Cricklewood Library <http://cricklewoodlibrary.org.uk> (Friends of Cricklewood Library – FOCL)
- Kensal Rise Library <http://www.savekensalriselibrary.org> (Friends of Kensal Rise Library – FKL)
- Preston Library <https://brentlibraries.wordpress.com> (Preston Community Library – PCL)

For more information about these libraries, please visit their websites (or in the case of FOBL whose website is being update email Paul Lorber on [barhamlibrary@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:barhamlibrary@hotmail.co.uk)).

Brent Council has agreed Voluntary Sector Initiative Funding of £45k (ending Oct 2018) to BCL with FOBL as the contracting entity. £40,000 of this is available for this position.

Application form, job description and person specification can be requested from Paul Lorber at [barhamlibrary@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:barhamlibrary@hotmail.co.uk)

**Closing date for applications is Friday 10 February**

**Completed application form with a covering letter explaining your suitability for the position should be sent by email to Paul Lorber at [barhamlibrary@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:barhamlibrary@hotmail.co.uk)**