

Advance Commercial
RDC Stannington / Wansbeck Workspace
Rural Design Centre Innovation Business Adviser
£32k-£34k per annum
Fixed term contract to June 2023

About Advance Northumberland

Advance Northumberland is a property Investment, Estate Management and Development Company. Building new homes for rent and sale, attracting investment and business growth, managing delivery of major projects, providing a diverse portfolio to support businesses and regeneration and helping you find a place to call home.

We are looking for a **Rural Design Centre Innovation Business Advisor** to join our Economic Growth Team. The Economic Growth Team have an established track record as a provider of inward investment and business support services, including start-up and growth programmes. We continue to provide comprehensive support to businesses across the County and are funded through a combination of operating profits from our commercial activities and external grant funding.

Your new role: As the **Rural Design Centre Innovation Business Advisor**,

Key duties & responsibilities:

- To identify and enrol eligible SMEs to the Rural Design Centre Innovation Project, providing high quality business advice and ensuring that the programme achieves the overall vision and delivers against the contracted objectives, spend and output targets.
- To build and maintain strong working relationships with SMEs across the North East region.
- Responsible for understanding how an eligible SME can successfully drive innovation within the rural economy and support them accordingly through the project.
- Support the development of grant applications and monitor the development and implementation of activity leading to the successful creation of new products and services.

To succeed in this role:

The successful applicant must be able to demonstrate key skills and experience in the following key areas:

- Knowledge of key business processes and ability to analyse and diagnose strategic and operational business needs.
- Experience of ERDF grant funding regulations and programmes.

- A successful track record of engaging effectively with others at all levels and building productive partnerships with key stakeholders.
- Experience of delivering business support to a range of SME's, both in terms of size and sector focus.
- Demonstration of an area of expertise relating to innovation.

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This organisation offers a competitive salary, the tools you need to do the job, as well as a range of excellent benefits inclusive of:

- 26 days holiday + bank holidays
- Contributory pension scheme
- Half price gym membership
- Cash plan
- Various Salary Sacrifice Schemes.

To apply, please go to our website www.advancenorthumberland.co.uk complete our application form and attach your CV and a covering letter explaining your suitability and interest in the post.

Closing date: 17th September 2021

For an informal discussion please contact Lois Brentnall, Programme Manager on 07795 882069

If you wish to withdraw your consent for us to process your application, please email workforus@advancenorthumberland.co.uk