

Temwa Carbon Offset

Research Volunteer - October 2021

Job Description and Person Specification

Temwa UK is a UK-registered charity that works in partnership with Temwa Malawi, an independent NGO based in Mzuzu, Malawi. As a partnership, Temwa develops and delivers sustainable agriculture, health and education projects in rural communities in northern Malawi.

Temwa UK is currently exploring the potential of selling carbon offsets to fund forestry and sustainable agriculture work. This will involve the incorporation of a trading company; registration with an international accreditation agency such as Gold Standard; establishing a programme of community engagement, tree planting and support for local governance; and ongoing monitoring and reporting.

We are seeking a research volunteer to work for around one day a week during the initial phase of our work, while we develop a robust business plan to support the launch of a trading company. There may be scope for further volunteer and paid work as the project progresses.

The research volunteer will mostly work from home but some office work is possible, including meetings and collaboration with other Temwa staff.

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- Carry out research on the carbon offsetting market, including supply-side, sales figures, and the corporate and individual customer base.
- Carry out research on land-based carbon offset methodologies, including existing established models; requirements of accreditation agencies; etc.
- Produce written reports on research topics and attend online and face to face meetings to report on findings.
- Collaborate with Temwa staff to identify directions for further research and to help with wider business planning.

Person specification

Essential

- Basic knowledge of the theory and practical reality of the carbon offsetting market.
- Basic knowledge of land-based carbon offsetting methodologies.
- Ability to work independently on own initiative.
- Ability to carry out thorough and accurate research.
- Ability to write concise and useful research reports.
- An interest in international development and the carbon economy.

Applications via CV and covering letter to sally@temwa.org.

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