**Role title:** Project Researcher

**Organisation name:** Voicebox

**Duration of placement:** 6 hours for 6 weeks. Must be available on Wednesdays.

**Start date:** 26th October 2020 (approximately, specific days and hours to be organised with organisation upon offer of the role)

**End date:** 30th November 2020 (dependant on the start date)

**Location:** Working from Home

**Interview date(s):** 14th October

**Placement Times:** 6 hours a week to be arranged with placement supervisor

**Pay rate:** £10.75 per hour (London Living Wage)

**This job is part of the Middlesex University Students’ Union’s Community Placement Scheme and is only available to current students of Middlesex University. The scheme has been established to ensure students are paid London Living Wage (£10.75) to put your studies or interests to use practically on placements whilst helping the local community. The scheme is designed to boost student employability and increase collaboration within Barnet and beyond.**

**In order to apply, please register at** [**https://www.unitemps.com/**](https://www.unitemps.com/)**.**

**About Voicebox**  
Voicebox deliver drama-based workshops and projects for young people across London to explore Masculinity and Mental Health. Through our projects we navigate a range of associated themes, such as: feminism, the LGBTQ+ community, relationships, identity, & wellbeing. Currently, Voicebox works with Primary Schools, Secondary Schools, Colleges, Universities, Charities and Theatres. Our mission is to lead a movement that redefines what it means to be a man. To promote a healthy and tender masculinity, whilst deconstructing toxic/non-tender masculinity.

**We are a** [**Disability Confident Committed**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disability-confident-guidance-for-levels-1-2-and-3/level-1-disability-confident-committed) **employer.**

For further information on our services please take a look at our website at https://www.voiceboxcic.com.

**About the role**  
Voicebox delivers credible and relevant projects that are based on contemporary research. This placement opportunity will be a chance for a student to take a lead on a new research project. The new research project will fall within the field of Masculinity and Mental Health, however the details of the research will be decided by the placement student in collaboration with the Directors of Voicebox.

We will require a confident student who can lead, plan and deliver a new research project into the field of Masculinity and Mental Health. The successful candidate will be required to:

* Research into Masculinity and Mental Health
* Design a detailed research project proposal
* Make important decisions influencing the direction of the research
* Conduct the research project, including: creating research aims and objectives, choosing a research method, conduct research, collect data, and summarize findings.

As a Voicebox project researcher, the successful candidate will feel comfortable working independently and as part of a small team. They will be responsible for independent reading and research, and the designing of an appropriate research project. The successful candidate will feel confident in conducting market research, and will have an excellent understanding of how to conduct an effective analysis. They will feel comfortable in summarizing and explaining their findings to the Voicebox team.

**Skills and experience**

Essential

* Understanding of research methodologies.
* Ability to work independently, managing workload effectively and being flexible to meet changing requirements of the company.
* Have previous experience conducting research.
* Willingness to put forward your own ideas and opinions.
* Able to summarise effectively, and be able to explain sometimes complex ideas in a simple way.

Desirable

* Have experience in research projects.

**How to apply**  
**Please note the deadline for this application is 1st October 11.59pm. Please upload your CV, and answer the following questions in your cover letter (300 words max per question):**

1. What interests you about this opportunity?

2. Why are you the perfect candidate for this placement?

3. What would you hope to achieve through the placement?

4. Are you currently a student at Middlesex University? If so, what course and year of study are you undertaking?

5. Do you have any access requirements or needs that we should be aware of when considering your application and inviting you to interview?

Candidates will be shortlisted based on cover letter and CV.  
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**Further Information**

We will be completing the shortlisting process as soon as possible following the closing date, and aim to let you know as soon as we can. Please note however that due to the number of applications that the students’ union receives for placement opportunities, we are unable to offer personal feedback on applications. If you are invited to interview, you will receive any interview feedback prior to this. If you need any additional information or if you would like to speak to someone about your application please contact the Community Partnerships Coordinator, Sally Bernard, at [s.bernard@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:s.bernard@mdx.ac.uk) or 020 84115009.