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| HR reference | 0000001388/ |

**Belfast City Council**

Application for appointment as:

**Community Development Officer (PO1)**

**There are three full-time, permanent posts**

**(These permanent posts are being internally trawled as a result of the council’s ongoing programme of re-organisation and change. Applicants must be current Belfast City Council employees as at Wednesday, 26 January 2022 and throughout the selection process to be eligible to apply. Agency assignees and casual workers, who are not council employees, are ineligible to apply.)**

**Community Services Section**

**City and Neighbourhood Services Department**

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| Name of Applicant: |  |
| Address: |  |
| The closing date for applications is **4pm on Wednesday, 26 January 2022.**  Completed application forms should be emailed to [jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk) and you will receive an automatic reply when your application has been received. If you don’t receive an acknowledgement within 30 minutes, please call 9027 0640 to confirm receipt (office hours are normally Mon-Thurs 8.30am-5pm, Fri 8.30am-4.30pm). You must confirm receipt **before** the closing date and time as we will not be able to accept applications that are sent but not received before the closing date and time.  **Please note, as part of our COVID HR Service Recovery Plan, we are unable to issue or receive any hard copy application forms, either by post or hand-delivered, at this time.** | |

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| **If you have a disability and require any reasonable adjustments, or your first language is not English and you require any assistance with any aspect of our recruitment and selection process, please call 028 9027 0640** |
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| **Belfast City Council is an equal opportunities employer and we welcome applications from all sections of the community** |

In addition to filling the immediate vacancies, we also intend to create a reserve list of successful applicants, in strict order of merit based on performance at interview. We anticipate that this list will last for 12 months, or until it is exhausted, whichever is sooner.

Therefore, should a similar post to the immediate vacancies become available within this time we may offer it to those on the reserve list, in order of merit, without further interview.

**These posts may be either on a permanent or temporary basis and may be working full-time, part-time or job-share hours.**

Please indicate below whether you would be interested in a permanent, or temporary (including fixed term) posts working full-time, part-time or job-share hours by ticking the appropriate boxes.

**If you are interested in permanent, temporary, full-time, part-time and, or job share positions please tick (🗸) all ofthe relevant boxes below:**

**Contract type:**

**Permanent Temporary**

**Hours of work:**

**Full-time Part-time Job share**

You can apply for all positions and, if appointed to the reserve list, you will be considered for permanent and temporary vacancies and for full-time, part-time and, or job share hours.

If you apply for all positions, you can accept an offer of temporary employment without giving up your right to be considered for a permanent post. Similarly, you can accept a post working part-time hours without giving up your right to be offered a post working full-time hours.

**It is important to note: If you are placed on the reserve list, you will only be offered vacant posts on the basis of the information you have provided above. For example, if you have ticked that you are applying for a permanent position only and a temporary position becomes available, we will not offer you this temporary post.**

**Community Development Officer – Locations**

Below is a list of the current vacancies for the post of Community Development Officer including the area of work/ responsibility and locations applicable to each vacancy. Please indicate the specific area of work/ responsibility and locations you would be interested in by indicating your preferences in order of 1, 2, 3.

Please note that although you may be initially appointed to a specific area of responsibility/ location, the Community Services Section reserves the right to transfer you to any other area of responsibility/ location under the control of the section depending on operational requirements.

Belfast City Council also intends to create a register of successful applicants, in strict order of merit based on performance at interview, from which vacancies may be filled if they become available. It is anticipated that this list will last for 12 months, or until it is exhausted, whichever is sooner. These posts may be on a permanent, non-permanent, full-time or part-time/ job share basis. Please note vacancies that arise and may be filled from reserve may be in locations / areas other than the below three listed.

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| Post | Work base | Area of responsibility | Preference 1,2,3 |
| CDO Facilities | Horn Drive CC | Horn Drive CC, Glen CC, Whiterock CC |  |
| CDO Area Support | Duncairn CC | Duncairn and Inner North Catchment |  |
| CDO Area Support | Divis CC | Divis and Greater Falls Catchment |  |

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| **Section 1: Personal details** | | | | | | |
| Are you currently employed by or an agency assignee of Belfast City Council?  **(If you only work within Belfast City Council on a casual basis please mark your answer as No [see below]**)? | | | Yes |  | No |  |
| Are you a current casual worker with Belfast City Council?  **(Please note:** casual workers are ineligible for this post.) | | | Yes |  | No |  |
| **1.** | **Your details** | | | | | |
| (a) | Title: (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, Mx, Dr etc) |  | | | | |
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| (b) | Forenames: |  | | | | |
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| (c) | Preferred name: |  | | | | |
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| (d) | Surname: |  | | | | |
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| **2.** | **Contact details** | | | | | |
| (a) | Work telephone number: |  | | | | |
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| (b) | Mobile number: |  | | | | |
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| (c) | Preferred contact number: |  | | | | |
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| (d) | Email address: |  | | | | |
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| (f) | Address 2: |  | | | | |
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| (i) | Postcode: |  | | | | |
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| **3.** | **Other information** | | | | | |
|  | National insurance number: |  | | | | |
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| I certify that the information that I have supplied in this form is correct and I understand that any false or misleading information, if proved, may result in no further action being taken on this application, or, if appointed, dismissal from the service of the council. | | | | | | | |

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| Signed: |  |  |  | Date: |  |  |

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| **Section 2: Qualifications and current position held** | | | | | |
| **4.** | **Qualifications** | | | | |
| (a) | Details of qualifications obtained (please refer to employee specification):  Please state name, level and grade of qualification, the year attained and the examining body or university/college which awarded your qualification as this information may be needed by the selection panel. | | | | |
|  | **If applicable, applicants must, as at the closing date for receipt of application forms, have** **a relevant third level qualification in a community development or social science discipline such as Community and Youth Work, Sociology, Social Policy or an equivalent qualification or an award recognised under the Report of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Youth and Community Workers.**  **Please note, the council reserves the right to short-list, in the second instance, only those applicants who, as at the closing date for receipt of applications, have a relevant additional post-graduate qualification.**  **Please detail your relevant qualification below:** | | | | |
| Year: | | Examining body / University / College: | Level of qualification: | Subject: | Grade or mark: |
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| (b) | | If you are applying for a post on the basis of a qualification which is not stated on the employee specification but which you consider to be equivalent, please list the main topics and modules below to demonstrate how you feel it is equivalent in terms of level, breadth, depth and content etc. Please also provide any further information which you feel supports your case.  (The selection panel will make the final decision on the relevance and equivalence of your qualification.) | | | | | | |
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| Year: | | Examining body / University/College: | Level of qualification: | | Subject and modules studied: | | Grade or mark | |
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| Any other support evidence as to the equivalence of the qualifications stated, for example, breadth of overlap with qualification as detailed in the employee specification: | | | | | | | | |
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| (c) | **Current position held:** | | | | | | |
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| Current Job Title: | | | | Grade: | | Date appointed: | |
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| **Section 3: Experience** | |
| **5.** |  |
| **You must complete this form in either typescript (Arial font size 11) or legible hand-writing using black ink. You must limit your text in the next section to no more than one A4 page. You must not use continuation sheets. If you submit more than one page, the short-listing panel will only consider the first page of information and you may not be short-listed.**  Applicants **must**, as at the closing date for receipt of application forms, be able to demonstrate by providing personal and specific examples on the application form, that they meet the experience as stated in the employee specification.  **Essential criteria**  Applicants **must**, as at the closing date for receipt of applications, either:-   * have a relevant third level qualification in a community development or social science discipline such as Community and Youth Work, Sociology, Social Policy or an equivalent qualification or an award recognised under the Report of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Youth and Community Workers **and** be able to demonstrate by providing personal and specific examples on the application form, at least one year’s relevant experience in each of the following three areas:   **or**   * be able to demonstrate by providing personal and specific examples on the application form, at least two years’ relevant experience in each of the following three areas:  1. taking a lead role in community development projects including contributing to the development of related strategies and policies; and designing and developing action plans to meet community needs; 2. managing community facilities and staff resources including budgets and associated administrative duties; and 3. undertaking grant aid assessment including evaluating monitoring information and making recommendations on funding awards.   **Short-listing criteria**  In addition to the above qualifications and, or experience, Belfast City Council reserves the right to shortlist only those applicants who, as at the closing date for receipt of applications:   * in the first instance, can demonstrate either a relevant third level qualification in a community development or social science discipline such as Community and Youth Work, Sociology, Social Policy or an equivalent qualification or an award recognised under the Report of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Youth and Community Workers and two years’ relevant experience in each of the three areas **or** three years’ relevant experience (as outlined above) in each of the three areas (a) to (c); and * in the second instance, have a relevant additional post-graduate qualification.   In boxes (a), (b) and (c), please provide the following details:   1. You must clearly state the start and end dates of your relevant experience including the number of years’ experience you have in this area. You must clearly detail how you have taken a lead role in community development projects, the nature of these projects and what they involved; how you have contributed to development of related strategies or policies, the purpose of these strategies or policies, the outcomes achieved by developing these strategies or policies; the action plans you have designed and developed, your specific role in designing and developing these plans, how these met community needs, etc. 2. You must clearly state the start and end dates of your relevant experience including the number of years’ experience you have in this area. You must clearly detail the community facilities that you have managed including your specific duties and responsibilities in relation to this; the staff resources that you have managed, the type and number of staff and how you managed them; the budgets that you have managed including the value of these budgets; and relevant administration duties including any systems you have used to assist with this, etc. 3. You must clearly state the start and end dates of your relevant experience including the number of years’ experience you have in this area. You must clearly detail the grant aid assessments you have undertaken, your specific role in assessing these grant applications, the monitoring information you have evaluated, the recommendations you made for awarding funding, who the funding was for, etc. | | |

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| **5a.** | Applicants **must** demonstrate here, by providing personal and specific examples, that they have either one year’s or two years’ relevant experience (as outlined in the Employee specification) of taking a lead role in community development projects including contributing to the development of related strategies and policies; and designing and developing action plans to meet community needs.  **(Please note, Belfast City Council reserves the right to short-list, in the first instance, only those applicants who can demonstrate either at least two years’ or three years’ relevant experience in this area.)**  Continuation sheets must not be used |

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| **5b.** | Applicants **must** demonstrate here, by providing personal and specific examples, that they have either one year’s or two years’ relevant experience (as outlined in the Employee specification) of managing community facilities and staff resources including budgets and associated administrative duties.  **(Please note, Belfast City Council reserves the right to short-list, in the first instance, only those applicants who can demonstrate either at least two years’ or three years’ relevant experience in this area.)**  Continuation sheets must not be used |

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| **5c.** | Applicants **must** demonstrate here, by providing personal and specific examples, that they have either one year’s or two years’ relevant experience (as outlined in the Employee specification) of undertaking grant aid assessment including evaluating monitoring information and making recommendations on funding awards.  **(Please note, Belfast City Council reserves the right to short-list, in the first instance, only those applicants who can demonstrate either at least two years’ or three years’ relevant experience in this area.)**  Continuation sheets must not be used |

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| **Equal opportunity monitoring form** | | |
|  | HR Reference number: | 0000001388/ |
| Belfast City Council is committed to ensuring that all eligible persons have equality of opportunity for employment and advancement in the council on the basis of ability, qualifications and aptitude for the work. To ensure the effective implementation of the Equal Opportunities Policy all applicants are requested to complete the following questionnaire. This questionnaire will be removed from your application form and will be strictly controlled in accordance with the Code of Practice on Monitoring agreed with Trade Unions.  **This questionnaire will not be seen by either the short-listing or interview panels.** | | |

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| **Personal details:** | |  | **Official use only:** | |
| **Date of birth:** |  |  | Dob |  |

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| **Gender Identity:** | | | | | | | | | | | | Gender Identity |  |
| How do you define your gender? | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Male |  |  |  | Female |  |  | Prefer not to answer | |  | |  |  |  |
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| I use another term (for example, Intersex, non-binary), please specific: | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |
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| **Do you consider yourself to be trans\* or transgender\*\*?** | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |
| Yes |  |  |  | No |  |  | Prefer not to say | |  | |  |  |  |
| *\** Trans can be used as an umbrella term to describe people whose gender is not the same as, nor does it sit comfortably with, the sex they were assigned at birth. Trans people may describe themselves using one or more of a wide variety of terms e.g. transgender, transsexual, gender-queer (GQ), gender-fluid, non-binary, crossdresser, genderless. The use of trans as an umbrella term may not be acceptable to all transgender people. | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |
| *\*\** Someone who intends to transition, is transitioning or has transitioned from the gender they were assigned at birth. | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |

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|  | Mixed ethnic group, please | | | | |  | | | |  | |  | | |  |
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| Please state your nationality or citizenship (for example, British, Irish, Polish): | | | | | | | | | |  | Nation | | | |  |
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| **Persons with and without a disability:** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A person has a disability if they have “a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities” (Disability Discrimination Act, 1995) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Do you, in accordance with the above, have** |  | Yes |  | |  | | No |  |  | Disability |  |
| **a disability?** |  |  | |  | |  |  |
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| If yes, please state nature of disability: | | | | | | | | |  |  | |
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| **If No, have you ever had a disability?** |  | Yes | |  | |  | No |  |  | History |  |
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| While the selection panel will be made aware that you have a disability for the purposes of operating the Guaranteed Interview Scheme, they will not know the nature of your disability or if you need any reasonable adjustments as part of the recruitment and selection process unless you advise them. | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |
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| Therefore, if you require any reasonable adjustments as part of the recruitment and selection process, please outline them: | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |
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| If you wish to discuss any of this information further or you require any further clarification about the Guaranteed Interview Scheme, please feel free to contact our Helpline on **(028) 9027 0640** and we will be happy to help. | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |
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| In addition, if you are aware of any adjustments that you will require, should you be successful in obtaining the job, please outline them: | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |
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| **Persons with and without dependants:**  **If yes, please tick the relevant box(es) below- you may tick more than one box** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |
| Do you look after or are you responsible for caring for | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | Yes |  |  | | No | | |  | |  | Dependants | |
| anyone? | | | |  | | | | |  | | |  | |  | | | |  | |  | |  | | | | |  |  |
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| **If yes, please tick the relevant box(es) below- you may tick more than one box** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |
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| **Sexual orientation:** | | | | | |
| **What best describes your sexual orientation?** | | | | | |
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| Bi |  |  |  | Orientation |  |
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| Gay/lesbian |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Heterosexual/straight |  |  |  |  | |
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| Prefer not to answer |  |  |  |  | |
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| I use another term, please specify: |  |  |  |  | |
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| **Religious affiliation or community background:** | | | | | |
| The council is required by The Fair Employment and Treatment (NI) Order 1998 to monitor the perceived religious affiliation or community background of its employees and applicants. In accordance with the Monitoring Regulations 1999, we are asking you to indicate the community to which you belong by ticking the appropriate box below: | | | | | |
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| I am a member of the Protestant community |  |  |  | Code |  |
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| I am a member of the Roman Catholic community |  |  |  | Method |  |
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| I am a member of neither the Protestant nor Roman Catholic communities |  |  |  |  | |
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| Prefer not to answer |  |  |  |  | |
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| **Please note:** If you do not complete this section, we are encouraged to use the ‘residuary’ method, which means that we can make a determination on the basis of personal information on your application form. | | | | | |

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| **Religious belief or tradition:** |  |  | | | |  | |
| Please specify your religious belief, for example, Christian, Hindu, Muslim: |  | | | |  | Religious belief |  |
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| No religious belief |  |  |  |  | |  | |
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