# **PERSON SPECIFICATION: Voluntary and Community Sector Officer Post Ref: 107431**

**HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL IS COMMITTED TO SAFEGUARDING AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS. IF THIS POST IS SUBJECT TO SAFER RECRUITMENT MEASURES THEN A DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE (DBS) CHECK WILL BE REQUIRED.**

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| * **Educational/vocational/ occupational qualifications and/or training**
* **Specific qualifications (or equivalents)**
 | * Good general level of education including GCSE English & Mathematics grades A-C or equivalent. (F)
* NVQ Level 3 in IAG, Management or any other Related Subject’ (F)
 | * Willing to work towards Level 4 in Project Management if not already acquired (I)
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| * **Work or other relevant experience**
 | * Experience of working with and providing support to the voluntary sector (F) (I)
* Experience of working with local residents and community groups (F) (I)
* Experience of organising community events in partnership with VCS groups (F) (I)
* Experience of delivering capacity building support to VCS groups (F) (I)
 | * Experience of securing external funding (F) (I)
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| * **Skills, abilities, knowledge and competencies**
 | * Knowledge of agencies who can provide specialist support to VCS groups (F) (I)
* Ability to work with VCS groups to identify opportunities and plan actions to assist with capacity building (F) (I)
* Ability to plan and develop projects in partnerships with VCS groups that help hard to reach groups to access services such as education and training (F) (I)
* Ability to research good practice, opportunities and challenges and present findings to VCS groups (F) (I)
* Knowledge and understanding of Government legislation relating to the voluntary and community sector such as Community Cohesion and Civil Society (F) (I)
 | tieodeo* Knowledge of VCS sector and their organisations principles and roles (F) (I)
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| * + **General competencies**
 | * Good ICT skills (F) (I)
* Ability to develop plans on own initiative (F) (I)
* Ability to work on own initiative and as part of a team (F)(I)
* Good problem solving skills (F)(I)
* Sound communication skills both written and oral (F)
* Ability to work with a wide range of partners. (F)(I)
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