



## GRADUATE OPPORTUNITY AT KIRKLEES COUNCIL

Are you ambitious, hard-working, and passionate about making a difference to communities? If so, a great opportunity to work, learn and grow has arisen to join Kirklees Council as a **Graduate Trainee** in the **Housing Growth Team**.

Kirklees Council has ambitious plans for housing development and regeneration and have launched an ambitious housing development programme to build 10,000 homes by 2023 of which at least 1,000 will be on council-owned land.

### About the Housing Growth Team

We are responsible for delivering the district's ambitious Housing Growth Plan by working with key partners, services, developers, and funders to unlock sites and build new homes, which in turn support the wider growth of the district. We focus on the process of preparing for and facilitating development e.g., feasibility, planning applications, funding, procurement and contracts, rather than on construction project management. Our driving force is the huge satisfaction which comes from knowing that our work makes a tangible difference to our residents and businesses.

### About the role

Working alongside a team of 17 experienced and imaginative colleagues, you'll work on a range of projects with a focus on site development and gaining project management skills. You'll learn about sites, assessing housing need, and helping to secure planning permission and supporting the procurement of development partners. You'll have opportunities to work on strategic urban extensions, specialist housing, and the repurposing of landmark and historic buildings, amongst many other things. You'll work across a number of Council departments, with elected members and external partners, to deal with all facets of the housing development process. You'll be supported and encouraged to step out of your comfort zone.

### About you

You'll have a degree (in any subject); have a positive can-do approach and a real desire to learn and develop. You'll have strong communication skills and the ability to build relationships. If this sounds like you, we'd love to hear from you.

**Salary:** circa £20-21k + benefits

**Length of contract:** 24 months

**Location:** West Yorkshire

Visit the [GEM Programme's Website](#) to find out more about the role and to apply. [Hear from Freya](#), who joined Kirklees Council through the GEM Programme.

**Closing Date for Applications: 8 November 2021**