Migration Yorkshire Peer Researcher interview questions

1. Can you tell us a little bit about what attracted you to this job, and how this job will help you promote your personal/career goals/hopes/aspirations?

2. One characteristic that is really important for this job is for an individual to have good listening and interpersonal skills. We can teach you about research methods, but we cannot – at least not in the same way - teach those interacting skills.

- Can you tell us a little bit about your experience of listening to other people, when these skills were also very important? You can give examples from previous or current employment, volunteering, studies or community life.

3. Can you tell us about a time when you had to overcome a challenge? How did you deal with it? And how did that feel? You can give examples from previous or current employment, volunteering, studies or community life.

4. Our team and the communities we work with are a diverse group. Understanding different needs and including people from different backgrounds is very important to us.

- Can you tell us about a time when learned about or worked with someone who is different to you? For example because they come from a different place, or they have different views, different abilities and different opportunities or identities?

5. One of the most important elements of any social research project are research participants. Sometimes, finding people that are interested in taking part in a research project can be quite a challenge.

- How do you think we could reach people who migrated to the UK and inspire them to take part? Can you think of any barriers to people taking part, or rather, taking part honestly and comfortably?

6. This job will potentially involve participation in several research projects. In one of those research projects we would like to work with a small group of people who have personal experience of migrating to live in the UK. We have not decided the exact details of the research, not in terms of who these individuals would be and not in terms of questions we are going to research, but we want our research to be used to make a difference. In order to plan future research projects, we thought it would be good to talk to people with personal experience of migration, as well as with people who work directly with different

migrant communities, maybe in councils or NGOs.

- We are curious to hear from you what kinds of issues you would advise us to research - what do you think would be important? What kind of change would you hope it would bring?

Do you have anything you would like to tell us that we did not ask, but you think is important for us to know in relation to this post?

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