Job Title: Net Zero Pathfinder, (up to 3 roles available)

Salary: £350 per day (exclusive of VAT)

Days: 1 day a week approx

Location: Primarily virtual, with travel to flagship events as agreed.

Term length: 9 months

UK100's new Local Power in Action project offers pro-bono political consultancy to our partner councils to support them in overcoming the organisational, political and public engagement barriers they may face in delivering ambitious projects as part of their Net Zero programmes of work.

The Net Zero Pathfinders, employed by UK100, will be deployed in partner councils for one day per week to provide tailored political support, access to engagement strategies and best practice from other councils in UK100's network.

Pathfinders will provide high-quality political analysis that supports close working with our network of local government leaders to inform and influence political decisions on Net Zero that will have an impact for generations.

We’re looking for individuals with experience of working with local government, possessing a solid understanding of the context politicians operate within and the issues they face. The Pathfinders should be able to seek proactive solutions to challenges within councils by identifying and unblocking barriers to change.

Pathfinders will need excellent communication skills and have experience in building relationships quickly with a variety of key stakeholders.

The pilot will run for an initial period of 10 months.
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: UK100 is actively taking steps towards developing new opportunities for people from an array of backgrounds, ensuring that everybody has an equal opportunity and is not treated differently or discriminated against because of their characteristics. UK100 values the voices of each of its employees in order to progress in a collaborative, innovative and well balanced way. The postholder will be expected to echo and support this. This can be found on the UK100 website here.

Key responsibilities:

• Advise partner councils on political narrative, stakeholder engagement and navigating and securing public buy-in for ambitious Net Zero strategies and projects.

• Support the facilitation of the building of relationships with key stakeholders, which could include cabinet members, councillors (including the opposition), businesses, and other institutions to gain support for implementing ambitious but challenging projects.

• Provide political support to local government leaders and cabinet members who are ambitious on tackling the climate emergency; by using insight of UK politics, local government, and the national policy landscape to navigate and find solutions to complex and challenging situations.

• Work with UK100’s Membership Team to shape our engagement with local government leaders and officers to advance the case for local delivery of Net Zero.

• Provide perspective, drawing on previous experience where appropriate, on the practicalities of delivering local Net Zero within councils, in order to ensure local policy and advocacy is aligned with the experiences and context of local government leaders.