

New jobs available in Edinburgh

Temporary job opportunities are still available for Scotland's biggest population survey: the census which takes place in March this year.

These census takers (enumerators) posts offer flexible, part-time opportunities and are ideal for those in full-time employment looking for some additional income or people with families, carers, retired people or students looking for short-term work. The positions offer 75 hours work between February and April for a fee of £750.

The closing date for applications is 21 January 2011.

The Edinburgh staff will be part of a team of 5,800 census takers employed across Scotland to deliver questionnaires to the country's 2.5 million households ahead of census day: Sunday 27 March 2011.

To date Scotland's Census organiser, The General Register Office for Scotland (GROS), has recruited 22 regional managers, 170 district managers and 500 team leaders – including Paul Poplawski and Alastair Macintyre who are responsible for managing the Edinburgh East and Edinburgh West regions respectively.

Census takers make up the majority of the temporary workforce. In addition to delivering the questionnaires, they deal with questions from the public and follow-up on any household questionnaires which have not been returned.

Census Regional Manager for Edinburgh West Alastair Macintyre said: "It is my responsibility to ensure that the population of Edinburgh West is taken into account when the City of Edinburgh Council and the Scottish Government plan ahead. This

can only be done with the full cooperation of the population and the hard work of the census field staff.

“I feel strongly that this is the opportunity for the public to have a say in helping plan the spending of public money on the facilities that are really needed within their community. Decision makers will look at census information as part of any judgement making process.”

Census Regional Manager for Edinburgh East Paul Poplawski added: “Census takers can come from a wide variety of backgrounds. The role can be quite appealing because of the flexibility offered in working the estimated 75 hours required between February and April.

“The public’s participation in the census is required by law. Census takers play a key role in helping people take part in the survey which produces the information that the government, local authorities and businesses require to understand the needs of each community. This helps plan how billions of pounds worth of public services, including health, housing and transport, are deployed for the next 10 years.”

Further details about the recruitment process and available positions can be found at the [General Register Office website.](#)