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| HR reference | 0000002817 / |

**Belfast City Council**

Application for appointment as:

**Senior Human Resources Advisor (Employee Relations) (Grade 9)**

**‘Temporary cover’ post until 31 March 2025, subject to review**

**(Applicants must be current Belfast City Council employees or agency assignees as at Thursday, 10 October 2024 and throughout the selection process)**

**Human Resources Department**

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| Name of Applicant: |  |
| Address: |  |
| The closing date for applications is **4pm on Thursday, 10 October 2024**.  Completed application forms should be emailed to [jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk) and you will receive an automatic acknowledgement reply when your application has been received. If you don’t receive an automatic acknowledgement reply within 30 minutes, please email [jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk) again to query this and, or confirm receipt of your application form (office hours are normally Mon-Thurs 8.30am-5pm, Fri 8.30am-4.30pm). You must receive an automatic acknowledgement reply **before** the closing date and time as we will not be able to accept applications that are sent but not received before the closing date and time.  **Please note we are unable to issue or receive any hard copy application forms either by post or hand delivered. All application forms must be emailed to** [**jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk**](mailto:jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk) | |

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| **If you have a disability and require any reasonable adjustments, or your first language is not English and you require any assistance with any aspect of our recruitment and selection process, please email jobs@belfastcity.gov.uk** |
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| **Belfast City Council is an equal opportunities employer and we welcome applications from all sections of the community** |

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| **Section 1: Personal details** | | | | | | |
| Are you currently employed by or an agency assignee of Belfast City Council  **(If you only work within Belfast City Council on a casual basis please mark your answer as No [see below]**)? | | | Yes |  | No |  |
| Are you a current casual worker with Belfast City Council?  **(Please note:** casual workers are ineligible for this post.) | | | Yes |  | No |  |
| **1.** | **Your details** | | | | | |
| (a) | Title: (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, Mx, Dr etc) |  | | | | |
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| (b) | Forenames: |  | | | | |
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| (c) | Preferred name: |  | | | | |
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| (d) | Surname: |  | | | | |
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| **2.** | **Contact details** | | | | | |
| (a) | Work telephone number: |  | | | | |
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| (b) | Mobile number: |  | | | | |
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| (c) | Preferred contact number: |  | | | | |
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| (d) | Email address: |  | | | | |
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| (e) | Address 1: |  | | | | |
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| (f) | Address 2: |  | | | | |
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| **3.** | **Other information** | | | | | |
|  | National insurance number: |  | | | | |
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| I certify that the information that I have supplied in this form is correct and I understand that any false or misleading information, if proved, may result in no further action being taken on this application, or, if appointed, dismissal from the service of the council. | | | | | | | |

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| **Section 2: Qualifications and current position held** | | | | | |
| **4.** | **Qualifications** | | | | |
| (a) | Details of qualifications obtained (please refer to employee specification):  Please state name, level and grade of qualification, the year attained and the examining body or university/college which awarded your qualification as this information may be needed by the selection panel. | | | | |
|  | **If applicable, applicants must, as at the closing date for receipt of application forms, have a third level qualification in a relevant subject such as human resources, business studies, or an equivalent qualification.**  **In addition, Belfast City Council reserves the right to short-list only those applicants who, as at the closing date for receipt of applications, have a Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) Post-Graduate Diploma in Personnel and Development or equivalent qualification.**  **Please detail your relevant qualifications below:** | | | | |
| Year: | | Examining body / University / College: | Level of qualification: | Subject: | Grade or mark: |
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| (b) | | If you are applying for a post on the basis of a qualification which is not stated on the employee specification but which you consider to be equivalent, please list the main topics and modules below to demonstrate how you feel it is equivalent in terms of level, breadth, depth and content etc. Please also provide any further information which you feel supports your case.  (The selection panel will make the final decision on the relevance and equivalence of your qualification.) | | | | | | |
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| Year: | | Examining body / University/College: | | Level of qualification: | Subject and modules studied: | | | Grade or mark |
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| Any other support evidence as to the equivalence of the qualifications stated, for example, breadth of overlap with qualification as detailed in the employee specification: | | | | | | | | |
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| (c) | **Current membership of professional bodies:**  **Belfast City Council reserves the right to short-list only those applicants who, as at the closing date for receipt of applications, are current, full professional members of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, i.e., Associate, Chartered Member or Chartered Fellow.**  **Please detail your relevant membership below:** | | | | | | | |
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| Title of professional body | | | Type / grade of membership | | | Membership number | Date of expiry | |
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| (d) | **Current position held:** | | |
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| Current Job Title: | | Grade: | Date appointed: |
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| **Section 3: Experience** | |
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| **You must complete this form in either typescript (Arial font size 11) or legible hand-writing using black ink. You must limit your text in the next section to no more than one A4 page. You must not use continuation sheets. If you submit more than one page, the short-listing panel will only consider the first page of information and you may not be short-listed.**  Applicants **must**, as at the closing date for receipt of application forms, be able to demonstrate by providing personal and specific examples on the application form, that they meet the experience as stated in the employee specification.  **Essential criteria**  Applicants **must**, as at the closing date for receipt of application forms, either:   * have a third level qualification in a relevant subject, such as human resources, business studies, or equivalent qualification, **and** be able to demonstrate on the application form, by providing personal and specific examples, at least one year’s relevant experience in each of the following areas; * **or**, be able to demonstrate on the application form, by providing personal and specific examples, at least two years’ relevant experience in each of the following areas:  1. managing the effective implementation of employee relations policies, protocols or initiatives, in line with statutory requirements and best practice; 2. providing expert advice and support on a range of employee relations matters to senior managers, customers and stakeholders for example, attendance management, discipline, grievance, terms and conditions of employment; and 3. working with trade unions on sensitive, complex employee relations matters.   **In boxes (a), (b) and (c) please provide the following detail**:   1. You must clearly state the start and end dates of your relevant experience including the number of years’ experience you have in this area. You must clearly detail the employee relations policies, protocols or initiatives that you have managed the implementation of; outline the steps that you took to develop, implement and manage these and the specific outcomes; how you ensured these were in line with statutory requirements and best practice, etc. 2. You must clearly state the start and end dates of your relevant experience including the number of years’ experience you have in this area. You must clearly detail the expert advice and support you have provided; the range of employee relations matters that this advice and support related to; the senior managers, customers and stakeholders you provided this advice and guidance to; how your advice and support were used and any outcomes; the organisation in which you gained this experience, etc. 3. You must clearly state the start and end dates of your relevant experience including the number of years’ experience you have in this area. You must clearly detail the trade unions that you have experience of working with; the range of sensitive and complex employee relations matters that you worked with them on; how these matters were complex and sensitive; your approach to dealing with trade unions on employee relations matters including the specific outcomes; the organisation in which you gained this experience, etc. |

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| **(a)** | Applicants **must** demonstrate here, by providing personal and specific examples, that they have at least either one year’s or two years’ (as outlined in the Employee Specification) relevant experience of managing the effective implementation of employee relations policies, protocols or initiatives, in line with statutory requirements and best practice.  Continuation sheets must not be used |

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| **(b)** | Applicants **must** demonstrate here, by providing personal and specific examples, that they have at least either one year’s or two years’ (as outlined in the Employee Specification) relevant experience of providing expert advice and support on a range of employee relations matters to senior managers, customers and stakeholders for example, attendance management, discipline, grievance, terms and conditions of employment.  Continuation sheets must not be used |

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| **(c)** | Applicants **must** demonstrate here, by providing personal and specific examples, that they have at least either one year’s or two years’ (as outlined in the Employee Specification) relevant experience of working with trade unions on sensitive, complex employee relations matters,  Continuation sheets must not be used |

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| **Equal opportunity monitoring form** | | |
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| Belfast City Council is committed to ensuring that all eligible persons have equality of opportunity for employment and advancement in the council on the basis of ability, qualifications and aptitude for the work. To ensure the effective implementation of the Equal Opportunities Policy all applicants are requested to complete the following questionnaire. This questionnaire will be removed from your application form and will be strictly controlled in accordance with the Code of Practice on Monitoring agreed with Trade Unions.  **This questionnaire will not be seen by either the short-listing or interview panels.** | | |

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| **Personal details:** | |  | **Official use only:** | |
| **Date of birth:** |  |  | Dob |  |

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| **Gender Identity:** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Gender Identity |  | |
| **What best describes your gender?** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Man |  |  | Woman |  |  | Non-binary | | |  | |  | Prefer not to say | | |  | |  | |  |  | |
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| I use another term (for example, Intersex), please specify: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |  | |  |  | |
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| **Do you consider yourself to be trans\* or transgender\*\*?** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  | |
| Yes |  |  | No |  |  | | Unsure |  | | |  | Prefer not to say | | |  | |  | |  |  | |
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| *\** Trans can be used as an umbrella term to describe people whose gender is not the same as, nor does it sit comfortably with, the sex they were assigned at birth. Trans people may describe themselves using one or more of a wide variety of terms e.g. transgender, transsexual, gender-queer (GQ), gender-fluid, non-binary, crossdresser, genderless. The use of trans as an umbrella term may not be acceptable to all transgender people. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  | |
| *\*\** Someone who intends to transition, is transitioning or has transitioned from the gender they were assigned at birth. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  | |

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| **Family status:** | Married |  | |  |  | Single |  |  |  |  | Status |  |
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|  | Civil partnership | | | |  | Dissolved civil partnership | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **Ethnic origins:** | White | |  |  | Indian | | |  |  |  | Ethnic origin | | | |
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|  | Chinese | |  |  | Irish Traveller | | |  |  |  |  | | |  |
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|  | Black other, please specify | | | | |  | | | |  |  | | |  |
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|  | Mixed ethnic group, please | | | | |  | | | |  |  | | |  |
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| Please state your nationality or citizenship (for example, British, Irish, Polish): | | | | | | | | | |  | Nation | | |  |
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| **Persons with and without a disability:** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A person has a disability if they have “a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities” (Disability Discrimination Act, 1995) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Do you, in accordance with the above, have** |  | Yes |  | |  | | No |  |  | Disability |  |
| **a disability?** |  |  | |  | |  |  |
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| If yes, please state nature of disability: | | | | | | | | |  |  | |
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| **If No, have you ever had a disability?** |  | Yes | |  | |  | No |  |  | History |  |
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| While the selection panel will be made aware that you have a disability for the purposes of operating the Guaranteed Interview Scheme, they will not know the nature of your disability or if you need any reasonable adjustments as part of the recruitment and selection process unless you advise them. | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |
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| Therefore, if you require any reasonable adjustments as part of the recruitment and selection process, please outline them: | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |
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| If you wish to discuss any of this information further or you require any further clarification about the Guaranteed Interview Scheme, please feel free to contact our Helpline on **(028) 9027 0640** and we will be happy to help. | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |
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| In addition, if you are aware of any adjustments that you will require, should you be successful in obtaining the job, please outline them: | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |
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| **Persons with and without dependants:**  **If yes, please tick the relevant box(es) below- you may tick more than one box** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |
| Do you look after or are you responsible for caring for | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | Yes |  |  | | No | | |  | |  | Dependants | |
| anyone? | | | |  | | | | |  | | |  | |  | | | |  | |  | |  | | | | |  |  |
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|  | Children | |  | |  | Relative | | | | |  | |  | | A person with a disability | | | | | | | |  | |  | |  |  |
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| **Sexual orientation:** | | | | | |
| **What best describes your sexual orientation?** | | | | | |
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| Bi |  |  |  | Orientation |  |
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| Gay/lesbian |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Heterosexual/straight |  |  |  |  | |
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| I use another term, please specify: |  |  |  |  | |
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| **Religious affiliation or community background:** | | | | | |
| The council is required by The Fair Employment and Treatment (NI) Order 1998 to monitor the perceived religious affiliation or community background of its employees and applicants. In accordance with the Monitoring Regulations 1999, we are asking you to indicate the community to which you belong by ticking the appropriate box below: | | | | | |
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| I am a member of the Protestant community |  |  |  | Code |  |
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| I am a member of the Roman Catholic community |  |  |  | Method |  |
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| I am a member of neither the Protestant nor Roman Catholic communities |  |  |  |  | |
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| Prefer not to answer |  |  |  |  | |
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| **Please note:** If you do not complete this section, we are encouraged to use the ‘residuary’ method, which means that we can make a determination on the basis of personal information on your application form. | | | | | |

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| **Religious belief or tradition:** |  |  | | | |  | |
| Please specify your religious belief, for example, Christian, Hindu, Muslim: |  | | | |  | Religious belief |  |
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| No religious belief |  |  |  |  | |  | |
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