

Title:	Contract Report Writer
Location:	United Kingdom (remote working)
Contract Type:	8 weeks with possibility of extension and future work
Working hours:	4 or 5 days per week
Salary:	Competitive
Start Date:	May 2020

ABOUT MORE IN COMMON

More in Common is a new international initiative, set up in 2017, to build communities and societies that are stronger, more united and more resilient to the increasing threats of polarisation and social division.

We believe that social fracturing is one of the most pressing issues of our time. And that new approaches are needed if we are to build communities that have more in common than that which divides them.

We are looking for people who are strategic, rigorous, restless, energetic and creative, who care about bridging the divisions in our society and who have a sense of pride in their national identity.

We have national hubs in the UK, France, Germany, and the United States. Our cutting-edge research on public attitudes and pilot tests of large-scale events that connect people across lines of difference have laid a strong foundation for our work, and we are just beginning to demonstrate how insights can turn into impact and change.

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ABOUT THIS ROLE

More in Common is looking for a **Writer** to support the lead writers on a major report that we are publishing in September on the state of UK society after Brexit. The report will be similar to other major reports we have published in the United States, France and Germany, which capture the findings of a large-scale national survey combined with qualitative research (focus groups and one-on-one interviews).

There is flexibility in how the work is undertaken, including making allowance for other commitments that you might have during the duration of the project.

The Writer will contribute to a five-person research and writing team.

We anticipate it will require eight weeks' or 40 days' full-time research analysis and writing work, spread out between May and July, with a couple of days in August.

The role requires independent analysis of numerical data from the survey, accessed through a web interface provided by research company YouGov. We will also have several hundred pages of transcripts from one-on-one interviews and focus group conversations.

You will have the opportunity to engage regularly with other members of the writing team and help shape our analysis.

We'll have a set-up call in May, and then regular check-ins. The project will involve writing initial drafts for different sections of the report, reviewing other team members' drafts, fact-checking and finalising copy. This will be an iterative process and we anticipate that it will involve participation in a series of several calls each week and contributing to several rounds of drafting in May, June and July, and a couple of days' addressing issues that arise from the final proofing process in August.

You will coordinate with a full-time project manager, two professional researchers and a lead writer. We anticipate that there is a fair bit of flexibility in how you spread your time across the May to July period, but it will be important not to bunch all the time up at either end of the writing process because we will be exchanging drafts and chapters, and there will be issues requiring further interrogation of the data that will arise during the writing process.

There is a possibility of further work from September with the release of the report and follow-up publications in 2021.

Essential

- Published writing experience and strong strategic communications skills
- Concise, fluid and insightful non-technical writing style
- Good numeracy skills in interpreting statistics
- Ability to think strategically and writing insightful
- Strong familiarity with UK social and political debates
- Familiarity with the geography of the United Kingdom
- Experience in working in a team environment
- Ability to prioritise, meet deadlines and work calmly under pressure
- Can-do attitude and an ability to work both independently and as part of a team
- Highly organised with strong planning and problem-solving skills
- Able to set priorities, meet goals and evaluate the process and results
- Undergraduate or higher degree
- Commitment to More in Common's mission

Desirable

- Experience in researching and writing social/political reports such as for a think tank, agency, political office or non-profit
- Professional writing experience (journalism or other)
- Experience in proofing texts
- Masters or PhD in social science

DEADLINE: The closing date for acceptance of applications is 23:59 on Sunday 12 April 2020. Please send a cover letter, CV and links to example/s of writing to <u>jobs@moreincommon.com</u> with Subject line of 'UK Writer - *your name*'.