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Sought: an exceptional Editor (statistics)

Full Fact is an independent campaign for informed and informative public debate. Our non-partisan factchecking work has led to corrections from Ministers in Parliament, and from almost every major paper; a heavy involvement with the Press Complaints Commission and the Leveson Inquiry; and a number of interventions by the UK Statistics Authority.

We want to recruit an experienced individual to lead our statistics work after we merge with Straight Statistics, a similar but more specialist organisation.

The post offers the right person an opportunity and considerable latitude to make a significant difference in tackling the misuse of statistics in public life, with increasingly powerful backing from Full Fact's high profile, administrative, communications, fundraising and other support. Our ambition is that in time the appointee will also have responsibility for a more junior full-time staff statistician.

Three key areas of Straight Statistics' work will continue under the appointee's leadership and the Full Fact banner:

1. Checking and informing the public about statistical claims
2. Contributing to and scrutinising the development of statistics policy in support of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Statistics
3. Providing expert training in statistical matters, especially to journalists

Your first tasks will be to contribute regularly to the site yourself and to build a network of statistician contributors writing regularly for a dedicated section of the site, building on the work done so far by Straight Statistics.

The ideal candidate will have:

- A strong statistical background, nous and practical judgment
- Good writing skills, suitable for a general audience
- A network that can attract contributions from experienced statisticians
- The ability to edit contributions from academic and professional statisticians for a general audience without losing precision
- Knowledge of, and interest in, the public policy aspects of statistics and capacity to play an effective part in relevant debates
- The calibre to be an ambassador for Full Fact

The post will be 1–2 days per week, based at Full Fact's central London office with flexibility for working from elsewhere, and paid pro rata at a level that reflects the experience of the appointee.

We would welcome informal enquiries to Will Moy, Full Fact's Director, on 020 7242 3883 or will@fullfact.org, or to members of Full Fact's Board. Applications should be made to Will Moy by 6 Jan 2012.