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#### Application pack for the Administrative Assistant Role

Dear Applicant,

Many thanks for your interest in our Administrative Assistant role. Please find enclosed a description of the role along with some further information about what makes us tick.

To apply for the role, please complete the online application form at midsummerwholesale.co.uk/admin-assistant - you will need a CV and cover letter in pdf format too.

We will be in touch as soon as possible with regards to your application - please bear with us though as it is a busy time for a small company.

We really look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

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Jamie Vaux, Commercial Director, Midsummer



Who we are

We're primarily a distributor of components of renewable energy systems - from solar panels to batteries and, more recently, heat pumps. We're unusual in offering software alongside that too.

Midsummer is a fast-growing company selling a range of renewable energy products, primarily to installation companies, from our offices in Cambridge and Dublin. We sell solar PV systems, battery storage, electric vehicle chargers, heat pumps and a variety of other associated products, and were recognised as the UK's best renewables distributor for 2020.

Midsummer brings 15 years' experience as a <u>leading renewables distributor in the UK</u>. In addition to our growing gang of friendly staff and a lean, efficient operation, we have a suite of web tools that make design and ordering extremely easy. In fact, the software platforms (<u>Easy PV</u> and <u>Heatpünk</u>) are also something we are working to promote and sell internationally.

As an organisation, we have a strong environmental ethos and a passion for promoting the uptake of renewables, and our team share a belief in an open and honest approach to business. Find out more about our story, purpose and how we make sustainability, integrity and innovation central to what we do <u>here</u>.





# Admin Assistant learn about the role

Do you have an eye for detail and a good way with customers? Are you organised and methodical, but also adaptable in a busy environment? Are you keen to start your career somewhere making a difference?

We process a large number of orders daily, and purchase many millions of pounds of renewables products from suppliers all over the world. We're looking for a friendly and detail-oriented administrative assistant to help with the day to day of handling a rapidly growing number of transactions, providing support to our admin and finance teams, and helping our customers out too!

#### Who we're looking for

You're looking for a career that will make a difference, and you have a knack for keeping on top of things. You'd like to put your energy and passion for customer service to good use, helping to grow a company that's making a difference.

We'll be looking for candidates who have a keen interest in sustainability and renewable energy, and an aptitude for administrative duties. A head for numbers and being comfortable with spreadsheets are an advantage, as is any experience of dealing with financial data and transactions and working with databases. Organisation skills and a friendly manner with customers and the rest of the team are equally important. The ideal candidate will thrive in a team, but have a problem-solving and self-led approach during busy periods.





## GRADUATE SCHEME learn about the role

#### What it offers:

You'll be joining a fairly small team and see the results of your work from day one. You'll be sharing a dynamic, busy site with the rest of the staff. There's a friendly and informal atmosphere, and a real buzz when things get going.

You will learn a lot on the job, and we'll bring you up to speed as fast as possible. It's a fastmoving industry so new products, customers and technologies come along all the time - there will always be new things to learn. Our own tools are also evolving rapidly.

This is a full time role based in our offices on the outskirts of Cambridge, with a salary of  $\pounds 21,000 - \pounds 23,500$ , depending on experience and qualifications. Long term employees also take home a share of the profits of the company. We can be flexible with start dates.

The role allows **25 days** holiday per year plus bank holidays, and it's a friendly and dynamic office environment with an emphasis on teamwork, and a shared environmental ethos across the company as a whole.





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#### The role

You will be helping the accounts and admin team in all aspects of the day-to-day running of the company's systems to make sure the administrative and accounts tasks run smoothly. This will include invoicing orders, logging purchases, reconciling payments, assisting with credit control, as well as other administration tasks as they arise. There will be a number of daily, weekly and monthly tasks helping to ensure all aspects of record-keeping and reporting are up to date in preparation for VAT returns. It's a busy office handling a lot of enquiries, so the role is likely to involve some customer interaction too, and dealing with enquiries or routing them to the right department.

- Orders and payments Taking payments over the phone, checking bank and card payment logs and liaising with the sales team to release orders as well as invoicing orders once despatched.
- Customer accounts Answering customer accounts queries over the phone and by email, sending statements and copy invoices as requested
- Issuing invoices and credit notes Invoicing customers after orders have been despatched, as well as issuing credit notes as required
- Purchase payments and record keeping Ensuring invoices received are as expected and meet VAT record requirements before making payment and logging in our systems. Liaising with operations / procurement team as required.
- Credit Control Assisting with the processing credit applications, ensuring credit account statements are up to date and chasing overdue payments.





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## **Our Story**

## From front room to boardroom

Midsummer began in the front room of a narrow boat. We're now moving into our 6th warehouse, have expanded overseas and we have a brilliant team of more than 50 people across different parts of the business.

#### What we do

Our business is broken up into 3 key areas:

Wholesale distribution of renewable energy products including solar PV, EV chargers, battery systems and renewable heating in the UK and Ireland.

We also supply off-gird systems wholesale and to retail customers.

We also provide both PV and heating design software to installers, distributors and manufacturers in the UK and internationally.



## The future

The transition to clean energy will touch on all aspects of modern life. Generating and storing clean energy at source makes ever more sense as we wean ourselves off fossil fuels throughout society. Electrification of transport is happening now, for heating it's coming soon, and intelligent home energy systems are just on the edge of mainstream. The wholesale industry is a key delivery mechanism for this transition. "I can't imagine a job I'd love more or a company I could be more committed to. Every single day we're moving renewables forward and I'm surrounded by a great bunch of people helping to do it."

Jamie Vaux, Commercial Director



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## The snowball effect

Nearly doubling sales every year for three years isn't easy. But we have a winning formula and we're still picking up momentum.

We've come out of the pandemic growing fast again, and looking for new team members in all parts of the company.

# Growth



#### **Ireland office**



We opened for business in Dublin in May 2019 and the team are going from strength to strength, currently recruiting a number of roles. The Midsummer formula is ideally suited to a new and growing market - it will not be the last expansion.

#### **Off-grid experts**

It's what we started out in and a market with huge potential as battery costs fall. We're pleased to have expanded that team recently and will be bringing our sizing tools to bear soon to revolutionise the market.





#### International software

Our easy-pv software is useful to any installer anywhere in the world (with some minor tweaks). We already have a growing international user-base and will continue to promote it widely.



## **Our Products**

#### PV Systems | EV Chargers | Batteries | Mounting | Off Grid Systems | Renewable Heating

We have a broad and considered range and carry a variety of product categories and brands. We're confident we can meet the diverse needs of our customers and their clients - and offer them top quality products. Fundamentally though, we won't sell products we don't believe in.

## Solid brand partnerships

The suppliers we choose to partner with are extremely important to us. It's an everchanging global industry, but we maintain consistent long-term relationships wherever possible.

## Supporting innovation

We're proud that we were among the first wholesalers to supply grid-tie battery systems, tray in-roof mounting systems and the ever popular Zappi EV charger. We were also the first PV wholesaler to stock the Sunamp phase-change heat storage systems.

## 1000+ products across 65+ trusted brands, including...

"By far the most innovative wholesaler to enter the renewable market."

Dan Lambert, GivEnergy





We used to install solar PV systems ourselves - and found that we had to use 5 or 6 different software packages to complete a full design.

Every mounting system, every inverter brand, had their own design tool - and then you had to use spreadsheets and word processors to pull everything together and create a nicely formatted quote.

We shoehorned a design package together that did everything - and saved ourselves a lot of time and wasted effort!

When we gave up installations to concentrate on distribution, we realised our design tool was actually one of our greatest assets. We put a huge amount of effort into improving it and making it available to our distribution partners. It's now used by hundreds of people every day to design PV systems. And because it connects seamlessly to our e-commerce website, it makes it easy for users to purchase from us. We have seen our sales grow enormously as a result

# easy-pv.co.uk

Our integrated solar design software simplifies design, paperwork and ordering into one neat package. It:

- Draws roofs to scale
- Automatically creates solar array layouts that make best use of the available space
- Designs the mounting system and undertakes structural calculations
- Selects an appropriate inverters and undertakes stringing calculations
- Specifies electrical components such as meters and isolators
- Creates a schematic
- Produces shading & yield calculations
- Generates a professional quote and technical report
- Makes financial projections for the customer
- Auto-completes commissioning forms
- Connects to our websites for rapid ordering





## **Leadership Team**

#### Dr. Andy Rankin, Founder

A former climate scientist who started a solar company from his off-grid home 15 years ago. Andy likes to build things from scratch, whether that's companies, houses, solar farms, software or freight bikes. Certainly the only MD in the industry with ultra-running titles under his belt.

#### Jamie Vaux, Commercial Director

An environmental business enthusiast who went looking for a company to throw his idealism at, Jamie has spent 10 years chasing sales and building the Midsummer team. If he's not frowning at his phone, you'll find him lifting something heavy or cooking.

#### Lowri Goodyer, Sales Director

A fellow eco-crusader, Lowri heads up the UK sales team as well as looking after the company's finances and admin teams - and climbing, surfing, running, snowboarding or gardening when she wants a rest!

#### Tom Livesey, Operations Director

Tom keeps the wheels of Midsummer turning. From purchasing to logistics and a good dose of technical sales too, his immense product knowledge is only rivalled by his knowledge of craft beers, gourmet recipes and fantasy football tactics.











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