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| **Role title** | **Garden and Growth Volunteer** |
| **Reporting to** | Growing Manager: Chris Gorgay and Lutfun Hussain  Volunteer Coordinator and Outreach Manager: Ursula Carey |
| **Location** | Spitalfields City Farm  Buxton Street, London E1 5AR |
| **About the role** | Volunteers are the backbone of Spitalfields City Farm, helping to maintain the farm and gardens, look after the animals and assist in delivering projects. We need support with a wide range of tasks including planting, weeding, pruning and mulching. You will work alongside our team and learn about practical horticulture, sustainable methods of growing and harvesting and seed saving. What is produced on the farm is shared with our volunteers and the local community; our vision is to create a space for all, that empowers people to make positive change to their lives, our community, and the planet. |
| **Tasks and activities** | Under general supervision from one of our expert staff members you will support with seasonal seed sowing, planting out, plant care and feeding. You will learn how to make natural plant feeds and how to harvest.  Key tasks.   * Working with the gardens team to help maintain the poly-tunnels, outdoor beds and spaces as well the composting system. * Harvesting produce to agreed methods, preparing for sales in the Farm shop or for distribution to suppliers. * Assisting with sales of produce from the Farm shop.   Our volunteers span all ages backgrounds, and cultures, there are always tasks that suit a variety of abilities. |
| **Timing and duration** | The role would suit someone who can give at least one day per week, volunteering sessions will usually run from 10:00-16:00. We hope that volunteers will stay for at least 6 months, so that both the farm and the volunteer will get the most out of the experience. |
| **What you will gain** | * Experience of working in an amazing community space. * Develop your horticulture knowledge and understanding * Hands on skills in tool use, plant identification, pollinator and pest education * Working as part of an experienced and knowledgeable staff team * Community cook ups * Discount at the shop and café * Take home produce * Certificate of contribution * References * Develop volunteers’ employability and life skills with support of the team |
| **Useful skills and experience** | This role will suit you if:   * You have a willingness to learn. * You are passionate about horticulture, growing and creating green spaces * Have a basic knowledge of garden maintenance * You are happy to work independently as well as part of a team * You are willing to work outdoors (in all weathers) |
| **Training and support** | We want to support our volunteers to achieve their goals at the farm, to find a role that suits their interests aims and skills. We offer our volunteers supervision, informal check ins and volunteer meet ups. |
| **Expenses** | We are committed to ensuring that volunteers do not incur any cost when volunteering.   * Travel expenses will be reimbursed up to a maximum value of £11.70 per day. * Lunch will be provided either directly by the farm or we will pay a daily allowance of up to £4 (upon production of a valid receipt). * Outerwear can be provided but we ask that volunteers be mindful that we are a working farm and wear suitable clothing and footwear. |
| **Is this role suitable for volunteers with additional needs?** | We are an inclusive organisation motivated by social justice, we aim to create a space for all and foster social inclusion. We offer volunteering opportunities for those with health, social and educational needs.  Specific needs can be discussed in more detail during the initial farm visit. |
| **How to apply for this role** | Please complete the application form. We will then contact you to arrange an informal chat onsite at the farm.  We may request references and a criminal record check (Disclosure and Barring Service check).  Previous criminal convictions will not necessarily prevent you from volunteering with us). |
| **How to find out more** | Please contact the Volunteer and Community Outreach Manager if you would like to discuss the role before applying:  Email- [volunteer@spitalfieldscityfarm.org](mailto:volunteer@spitalfieldscityfarm.org)  Phone- 020 7247 8762 |