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| **Role title** | **Maintenance and Development Volunteer** |
| **Reporting to** | **Site Manager: Steven Adams**  **Volunteer and Community Outreach Manager: Ursula Carey** |
| **Location** | **Spitalfields City Farm**  **Buxton Street, London E1 5AR** |
| **About the role** | Volunteers are the backbone of the 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 painting, perimeter repairs to keep our animals safe, preparation and development of new areas of the farm. You will work alongside our team and learn about practical tool use, design and general farm management. The most important part of the role is to create and maintain a safe and secure space for our animals and visitors; 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 the maintenance of our animals homes, ensuring their safety and happiness. You will also have an opportunity to be creative with the design and building of new areas of the farm. Our volunteers span all ages backgrounds, and cultures, there are always tasks that suit a variety of abilities.  Key tasks:   * Basic plumbing, carpentry and DIY. * Clearing or cleaning general areas * General repairs – wheelbarrows, gates, sheds, polytunnels. * Setting up for outdoor activities - putting up gazebos, running extension leads and connecting gas cylinders for outdoor cooking. * Garden/landscape maintenance * Path and fence maintenance * Clearing gutters * Creative upcycling approach to material use |
| **Timing and duration** | The role would suit someone who can give at least one day per week, maintenance volunteering sessions will usually run from 10:00-16:00 on Mondays and Tuesdays however we are flexible. 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 and improve your DIY skills * Hands on skills in tool use and site safety * 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 interested in creating and maintaining our green spaces and the homes of our animals. * Have a basic knowledge of tool use * 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  Phone- 020 7247 8762 |