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| **Role title** | **Outdoor Education Volunteer** |
| **Reporting to** | Education Manager: Kirsten Houser & Rachel Hippolyte  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 to deliver our education programme to local children and young people. You will work alongside the education team supporting them to facilitate tours, workshops and holiday activities.  This role is varied and will give you the opportunity to learn about all aspects of the farm whilst developing skills for working with children and young people through hands on practical experiences. |
| **Tasks and activities** | Under general supervision from one our Education Managers you will be given the training to work with children and young people to deliver different aspects of our education programme.  Key tasks:   * Delivering Farm Tours * Assisting with school and holiday workshops * Some animal handling and gardening tasks |
| **Timing and duration** | The role would suit someone who can give at least one day per week (Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday). Volunteering sessions will usually run from 9:45am-15:30pm.  Due to the training and check required for his role, we expect volunteers to be able to commit to 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 * Experience working with children and young people * Development of your group facilitation and public speaking skills * Development of your horticulture, animal care knowledge and understanding * Experience working as part of knowledgeable staff team * Community cook ups * Discount at the shop and café * Take home produce * References * Employability and life skills with support of the team * DBS check |
| **Useful skills and experience** | **This role will suit you if:**   * You have a willingness to learn * You are passionate about supporting children & young people * You have basic horticulture or farm animal knowledge, or a willingness to learn * Are passionate about children & young people accessing green space * 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** | This role will require training in Safeguarding and tour facilitation. There will be an introductory period of 3 weeks, shadowing and learning from the staff team, before delivering workshops independently.  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.  For this role we will request an enhanced DBS check (Disclosure and Barring Service check) a character reference and a professional reference.  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 |