

Community Learning Volunteer

Voluntary

1-2 days per week

For 6 months (with a 1 month trial period)

Reports to: Community Engagement Worker

Main responsibilities

The role of the Community Learning Volunteer will be to assist our Community Engagement Worker in running School visits and Children's Activity Days at The Community Farm. The Community Farm seeks to re-connect children to food, how it is grown and the benefits of healthy eating. Alongside supporting visits to the Farm, the Community Learning Volunteer will assist in the promotion of the Farm's Learning Programme through writing blog articles and using our social media channels.

Person Specification

This role would suit someone seeking experience in environmental education and community engagement who:

- Has some experience of working with primary school aged children, either through paid work or volunteering.
- Is interested in raising awareness about food, how it is grown and the benefits of healthy eating.
- Is familiar with using social media and writing blog articles
- Is an excellent communicator, enthusiastic and a good motivator.
- Can be flexible with which day of the week they can work (although we will try to get school bookings on a particular day of the week, we often have to work with what day the school can do).
- Is good at thinking creatively.
- Is self-motivated.
- Is willing to 'muck in' with all aspects of the Farm's activities.
- Has their own transport: the Farm is located in Chew Magna, where public transport is limited (a lift-share from Bristol may be possible).
- Has a laptop they could work from on site and from home.
- Is happy to work from home occasionally.

The role

Educational visits and children's activity days:

- Support our Community Engagement Worker in preparing and leading practical activities and games at the farm with children from pre-school to primary school age.
- Support outreach visits to local schools.
- Help prepare resources for use on educational visits.

Copywriting:

- Writing blog articles documenting school visits and children's activity days
- Writing blog articles, press releases and text for newsletters to promote courses and workshops on our Learning Programme.
- Preparing useful resources for The Community Farm website such as food growing activity ideas for children and schools.
- Document any adult learning courses attended through blog articles on the website.

Photography:

- Take photos during school visits and children's activity days for use in blog articles / promotional materials. Photos to be uploaded to the Farm's photographic database (on Flickr).

Monitoring and Evaluation:

- Participate in the monitoring and evaluation of courses through surveys, questionnaires and quick and simple evaluations on the day of the event to help inform future courses and learning programmes

Please note that this position is subject to an enhanced disclosure CRB check.

About The Community Farm

The Community Farm is no ordinary farm; it is owned by local people and run by a team of dedicated staff, supplying fresh organic fruit and vegetables to homes and businesses in and around Bristol, Bath and the Chew Valley. We've developed every aspect of the Farm with sustainability in mind to create a growing business which is commercially viable, protects and benefits the environment, and involves the community.

We are a social enterprise, conducting business in a co-operative way and reinvesting any profits in the Farm. Experienced and dedicated staff and board members manage the Farm with the support of more than 500 members from nearby towns, villages and beyond. We aim to reconnect people with the land where their food is grown.

We grow on 22 acres of land overlooking Chew Lake, between Bristol and Bath, and welcome visitors to special events, workshops and open days throughout the year.

- Organic box scheme and wholesale deliveries
- Special events
- Courses and workshops
- Children's Activity Days
- School visits
- Volunteering opportunities