



Education Volunteer wanted for City Farm.

Gorgie City Farm, Edinburgh, Scotland

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Gorgie City Farm is small city farm in Edinburgh that aims to educate city children and adults about farming, food production and the environment. The Farm has existed for almost 40 years and is a much-loved community facility.

We are looking for an outstanding volunteer to join our Education team for Summer 2018.

Tasks:

- Support the Education Officer in planning and delivering daily sessions for Farmers Helpers at the farm. Farmer's Helpers sessions run for 6 weeks over the summer holidays, Monday-Friday, 10.00- 12.30 pm and involve the children doing work around the farm such as cleaning, mucking out, feeding the animals, and gardening. Animal Crackers sessions run 2-3pm and are for 5-7 year olds and involve animal handling.
- Lead sessions with the support of a team of volunteers when required
- In preparation for this, take part in animal care and gardening duties with other volunteers at the farm, and assist with school groups in June 2018

This role will suit volunteers who:

- Have excellent communication skills and a friendly approach
- Are keen to gain experience in leading education groups/science communication/outdoor education
- Are confident at leading groups, taking responsibility and using initiative where required
- Have experience of working with children
- Are willing to be flexible and adaptable
- Are willing to work outside in all weathers and get dirty!

What's in it for you:

- Regular supervision, support and training to develop your skills and knowledge
- Opportunities to meet new people and socialise with other volunteers
- Contribute to the local community
- Obtain a reference at the end of your time at Gorgie City Farm

Time:

- This role is for a 13-week placement, 5 days per week, Monday-Friday, 4th June-17th August 2018
- The role is to start from the beginning of June 2018 to allow for training in farm routine before Farmers' Helpers begins. During this training period, the intern will be required to assist with school visits.

Further Information:

- Volunteers will be interviewed. We will also seek disclosure clearance (police checks) for this role as it involves direct work with children
- It is essential that applicants for this placement have good interpersonal skills, good customer service skills and are friendly – it is a role working with people: the animals are a secondary consideration!
- Previous experience working with children is essential

Interested? Contact: education@gorgiecityfarm.org.uk for more information.