

Job Description



CHILDREN'S FARM FACILITATOR

Salary: £11,000 per annum for 3 hours per day Monday-Friday

Location: On site. Ufton Court is 10 miles south of Reading.

Reporting to: Head of Facilities

Closing date: 17th July 2024 at 23:59. We will review applications on a rolling basis so may appoint prior to this date should we meet a suitable candidate. So, please apply early

How to Apply: Please apply early by emailing your CV and a covering letter explaining why you are the right person for the role to recruitment@ufton.org.uk. If you'd rather send us a short video explaining

About Ufton Court: Ufton Court is an expanding outdoor education charity dedicated to enriching the lives of children through immersive experiences in history and nature. Our small farm, home to pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, and rabbits, is a vital educational resource for children, especially those who struggle in traditional classroom settings. Our trauma-informed, therapeutic approach aims to create a nurturing and supportive environment for all our visitors.

Role Overview: We are seeking a compassionate and dedicated Farm Facilitator to join our team. The ideal candidate will have a love for animals, experience in farm care and a commitment to using the farm as a therapeutic and educational resource for children. This part-time role requires 2-3 hours of work each day, Monday to Friday, ensuring the well-being of our animals and the maintenance of their living environments.

Key Responsibilities

1. Animal Care

- Feed and water all animals daily, ensuring dietary needs are met.
- Monitor the health and well-being of the animals, reporting any concerns to the Head of Facilities.
- Provide routine health checks and administer basic first aid as needed.

2. Farm Maintenance

- Clean and maintain animal enclosures, ensuring they are safe and hygienic.
- Ensure all equipment and facilities are in good working order.
- Assist the Site Team with minor repairs and improvements to the farm facilities.

3. Educational Support

- Work collaboratively with the Education Team to integrate the farm into our educational programs especially The Nest.
- Facilitate interactions between children and animals, ensuring a safe and supportive environment.
- Support children's learning by sharing knowledge about animal care and farm life.

4. Therapeutic Approach

- Apply a trauma-informed, therapeutic approach in all interactions with children.
- Create a calm, nurturing environment that supports the emotional and mental well-being of children.
- Understand and respond sensitively to the needs of children who may have experienced trauma.

Key Skills and Experience

- **Experience:** Previous experience in animal care or farm management is essential.
- **Compassion:** A kind and caring approach to both animals and children.
- **Communication:** Strong communication skills, particularly in engaging with children and explaining farm activities.
- **Problem-Solving:** Ability to identify and resolve issues promptly and effectively.
- **Teamwork:** Ability to work collaboratively with the wider Ufton Court team.
- **Physical Fitness:** Physically fit and able to perform manual tasks involved in animal care and farm maintenance.

Personal Attributes

- **Patience and Empathy:** Understanding and patience, particularly when working with children who have experienced trauma.
- **Reliability:** Dependable and committed to the welfare of the animals and the success of the educational programs.
- **Flexibility:** Adaptable and willing to assist with various tasks as needed.
- **Positive Attitude:** A proactive and positive approach to all aspects of the role.

Join us at Ufton Court and help us create a nurturing, therapeutic environment where children can learn, grow, and thrive through their interactions with animals.

