



## Adult Volunteer Role Description for Young Volunteers' Program

### ROLE OVERVIEW

Are you passionate about animals, plants, food and farming? Do you enjoy working with young people?

We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who can help to run a weekly volunteering session for 12-18yr olds on Sunday afternoons from 12.30-4.30pm. You don't have to come every week but we ask for a minimum commitment of 1 session a month.

This flexible voluntary role is an exciting and rewarding opportunity for someone who is looking to gain hands on experience of working with young people in an outdoor setting. You would be working along side the session leader to supervise and support young people so they can get the most out of their volunteering experience.

### DETAILS

Location:	Stepney City Farm, Stepney Way, London, E1 3DG
Salary and benefits:	This is a voluntary role. Reasonable expenses will be reimbursed. Relevant training provided when possible.
Hours:	Sundays 12.30-4.30pm. We ask for a minimum commitment of 1 session a month.
Deadline for application:	Ongoing
Supported by:	Alex Collings, Farm Education Officer

### ABOUT STEPNEY CITY FARM

Stepney City Farm is a four-acre urban farm based in Tower Hamlets. We are a registered charity and exist to provide educational opportunities for the local community and improve well-being. Projects include food growing, working with animals and rural crafts. There are lots of different animals on the farm, including donkeys, goats, sheep, pigs, chickens and ducks. It is a wonderful community resource, providing opportunities for city dwellers to experience a taste of rural life. We work in partnership with local schools and youth organisations and are home to a Rural Arts Centre.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Stepney City Farm holds a wealth of knowledge regarding animal husbandry, gardening and rural crafts. Where possible we seek to share this knowledge with young people in the local area and create opportunities for young people to gain confidence and experience through volunteering. Since November 2010 we have been running a volunteer session for 12-18yr olds on Sunday afternoons. The young people run the farm on Sunday, with support from the session leader and adult volunteers. Regular tasks include cleaning animal houses, health checking animals, grooming donkeys, walking animals, watering plants, gardening, DIY, painting signs and there is scope for carrying out longer term projects.

## ROLE DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Support the session leader to run weekly volunteer sessions on Sundays
- Supervise young people and help them to safely plan and carry out practical activities on the farm.
- Research and learn about animal care and gardening
- Help to ensure that we are evaluating and monitoring the project

## PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential	Desirable
Enthusiasm for working with children and young people	Awareness of Child Protection issues
Keen interest in gardening and animal care	Experience of working with animals and/or Knowledge and understanding of organic growing
Ability to interact with a diverse range of people and age groups	Previous work with children and young people
Initiative, common sense and the ability to spot potential hazards	
Willingness to get stuck in to work on a farm	
Commitment to volunteering at least one Sunday a month	

As with all positions working with young people on the farm, this post is dependent upon the successful completion of a DBS check.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

### What we can offer you:

- On the job training in food growing, animal care and youth work
- Hands on experience of working with young people within an environmental organisation
- Learning opportunities relating to animal husbandry, gardening and working with young people

**To apply, please complete the volunteer application form and email to Alex Collings, Farm Education Officer, [alex@stepneycityfarm.org](mailto:alex@stepneycityfarm.org)**