



YOUNG VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM

for 12 - 17yr olds

Every Sunday from 1pm-4pm

Stepney City Farm is a working farm that exists for the benefit of our local community. Volunteers play a crucial role in the running of the farm by helping with all kinds of work from animal care and gardening, to environmental education, rural arts, cooking and more.

The Young Volunteers program provides an opportunity for 12-17yr olds to:

- Learn about animal care, food and farming by taking part in seasonal tasks
- Gain skills and experience to put on their CVs
- Contribute to a local community charity
- Find out about career options and training opportunities
- Be inspired and empowered to realise their full potential

How to get involved

Volunteering sessions run **every Sunday from 1pm-4pm.**

To take part, you'll need to:

- 1) **Complete a registration form and bring it with you to your first session**
You can download them on our website or pick one up from the office.
If you are under 16, your parent or guardian will need to sign Section B.
- 2) **Attend an induction session. *These take place every Sunday at 12.30pm.***
The induction introduces you to the project and makes sure you know about safe working, tool use and animal handling.

We understand that you may have other commitments so you don't have to come every week. We encourage you to come regularly so you can get the most out of the experience

What do Young Volunteers do?

Young Volunteers help out in all areas of the farm. At the start of every session we look at the task list and identify some jobs that need doing. Sometimes you'll work with the animals, sometimes there is gardening work, general maintenance or a project to work on.



Animal Tasks

You will have opportunities to work with the rabbits, ferrets, guinea pigs, chickens, ducks and geese. Where possible, and with the necessary supervision, you might also be able to work with the goats, pigs and donkeys.

Typical tasks include:

- Animal Health Checks
- Cleaning the animal housing
- Handling and walking the animals
- Grooming the animals
- Feeding the animals
- Teaching others about animal care

Gardening Tasks

The young volunteers have helped us to design, create and maintain a Children's Garden at the centre of the farm.

Regular tasks include:

- Growing edible plants from seed
- Harvesting crops and selling to the public in order to fund the project
- Watering and weeding the garden



Projects

There are lots of one-off activities you can participate in too. Past projects include: achieving ASDAN awards, building and painting fences, DIY activities, making products to sell, running a stall to raise money, and more.

Any questions?

The Young Volunteers sessions are led by experienced staff.
For more information or to request a registration form, please contact:

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