

The Farm Project CIC : Harvest & Cook Lead

This is a seasonal role from March to end October 2026

Part time (option to combine with shop/cafe/kitchen work for full time)

£28,000 pro rata

The Farm Project CIC hosts week long residential stays for children and young people on a working organic farm, as well as day visits and holiday club. Through hands on growing, harvesting, cooking, caring for animals and spending time in the woods, it is a chance for deep connection with the countryside and benefits this can bring.

Fancy harvesting veg, fruit and herbs from the market garden and then heading straight to the kitchen to cook up a feast with visiting children and young people?

We are looking for a confident cook, passionate about real food and knowledgeable about where it comes from, to lead harvest and cooking sessions with visiting groups. They will also lead the farm and woodland based holiday club and school farm tours. Some hands on veg growing knowledge, willing to learn about the wider farm and a warm smile required. Experience of delivering education sessions and working with children and young people from a diverse range of backgrounds is desirable.

During residential time (most term time weeks between mid March - Oct) approx hours would be : **Mon** : 1.30 - 7pm, **Tues/Weds/Thurs** : 10 - 7pm, **Fri** 8 - 2pm. Holiday Club 8 - 4pm, 3 days per week

Main duties

- Harvesting veg from our market garden and then leading cooking sessions to small groups of children and young people on school residential visits
- Leading farm and woodland based holiday club for primary children
- Assisting with the general housekeeping of the accommodation facilities including Friday changeovers
- Providing a warm welcome to all visitors to the farm and to help generate an unforgettable environment

Person Specification

- Experience delivering cooking sessions to children and young people (or experience cooking in a professional environment)
- Some hands on veg growing knowledge and experience
 - Experience working with children and young people with social emotional and mental health needs, neurodiversity, challenging behaviour and those disengaged
 - Commitment to equal opportunities
 - Knowledge of child protection issues
 - A genuine passion for the outdoors with some knowledge of the natural world
 - An understanding of our attitude to local food and whole farm ethos
 - Able and willing to undertake manual work as part of education programmes
 - Comfortable around animals
 - A proactive nature
 - Strong communication skills
 - Outgoing, enthusiastic and friendly
 - A sense of fun and adventure
 - A dynamic and flexible approach to working
 - Organised, punctual, reliable
 - Willingness to work evenings and occasional weekends

This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Accommodation might be available to rent on the farm.

If you are interested to apply please have a look at the farm project and farmshop websites to see more about us, then email **hilary@theorganicfarmshop.co.uk** with a cv and letter of interest.

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