



Jamie's Farm, Waterloo Sessional Volunteer

About Jamie's Farm

Jamie's Farm transforms the lives of disadvantaged young people, with a mixture of low self-esteem, poor behaviour and low attendance and attainment, by providing a unique combination of 'farming, family and therapy' during a residential on one of our Farms in Wiltshire, Herefordshire or Monmouthshire. In order to ensure our impact lasts we provide a six-week follow-up programme at Jamie's Farm, Waterloo for our London schools who make up over 60% of our beneficiaries. In doing so we help young people to flourish at home, in education and in the community. We also provide CPD opportunities to education professionals to improve their ability to work with vulnerable groups.

Major responsibilities

Volunteering at Jamie's Farm, Waterloo is a fantastic way to fully experience our follow-up programme; supporting a group of disadvantaged young people through their six-week programme and developing ways of working with these groups for yourself.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Supporting young people in activities (mainly cooking, gardening, farming);
- Supporting our staff by keeping young people calm, engaged and where they need to be while on site;
- Participating in group sessions and supporting the lead in these;
- Preparing meals, washing up and keeping the place tidy.

Knowledge, Skills and Experience

- Min 1 years' experience of working with young people (ideally the type of vulnerable, disengaged young people that we predominantly work with);
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills;
- Resilience, flexibility and ability to use initiative;
- Experience working in social work, therapeutic community or educational setting;
- Interest in the benefits of education beyond the classroom, especially for vulnerable groups;
- Sensitivity to racial, cultural and ideological diversity;
- Ability to exemplify Jamie's Farm core values of respect, empathy, nurture and family.

Time frame and Locations

We find volunteering for the entirety of the six-week programme provides the best consistency for young people while allowing volunteers to gain the greatest insight into our work. However, we would also be delighted if you could commit to longer.

- **Wednesdays or Fridays (for a full day or either morning or afternoon) for a minimum of 6 sessions over a 6-week period;**
- **Oasis Farm Waterloo, 18 Carlisle Lane, Lambeth, London, SE1 7LG.**

We will pay travel expenses to the Farm, up to £10 a day.

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