



Residential Visit Volunteer

About Jamie's Farm

Jamie's Farm transforms the lives of vulnerable young people displaying challenging behaviour in urban schools, by providing a unique combination of 'farming, family and therapy' through a short stay residential and follow up programme. The charity helps children to flourish at home, in education and in the community, and works with teachers to make changes catalysed by Jamie's Farm last.

Major responsibilities

Volunteering for a week at Jamie's Farm is a fantastic way to fully experience our programme; supporting a group of vulnerable young people and developing ways of working with these groups for yourself. We find volunteering for a week at the farm provides the best consistency for young people while allowing volunteers to gain the greatest insight into our work.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Supporting young people in activities (mainly cooking, gardening, farming, horse work);
- Supporting our staff by keeping young people calm, engaged, where they need to be and supervising them during down time;
- Participating in group sessions;
- Preparing meals, washing up and keeping the place tidy;
- Going on our daily walks;
- Possible administrative tasks depending on the make-up and sensitivity of the group.

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

- One week, Monday 12pm to Friday 12pm, exact dates tbc
- **Addresses:** Hill House Farm, Ditteridge, Box, SN13 8QA **OR** Lower Wernddu Farm, Rowlestone, Longtown, HR2 0ED **OR** Duffields Farm, Redbrook, Monmouth, NP25 4LU **OR** Allington Farm, Allington Lane, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 3QL

Do you pay travel expenses?

Yes, we will pay travel expenses up to £50 (£10 per day) and provide hearty homemade meals on site. Accommodation is provided subject to an enhanced DBS.

Due to the nature of our work with young people, on acceptance of offer all Jamie's Farm employees are subject to an enhanced DBS check in accordance with our Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy. Jamie's Farm is committed to eliminating discrimination and to encouraging diversity and operates an Equality and Diversity policy to this end.