

Residential Volunteers



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

- 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.

Requirements

- Over 18 years of age;
- Enhanced DBS.

Residential volunteers need to have

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills;
- Resilience, flexibility and ability to use initiative;
- 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.

Timeframe and locations

- Residential Volunteers join us at our Bath, Hereford, Monmouth and Lewes sites during certain weeks throughout the year. Timings vary slightly but tend to be Monday, late morning through to Friday lunch time. Meals are provided whilst you are on site and accommodation is available subject to your enhanced DBS. Locations and timings will be discussed once we have received your application.

Other information

We recognise that not everyone who may wish to learn more about our work is in a financial position to volunteer their time with us for a week. We are therefore delighted to offer a limited number of paid bursaries across our farms for individuals who may not otherwise be able to undertake a residential placement.

This bursary is available to individuals who self-identify as needing financial support to allow them to undertake a placement with us. You may self-identify in this way if you:

- Are in receipt of state benefits (e.g. Jobseekers' allowance, disability living allowance, etc.);
- Support children or other dependents on one income;
- Work part time/are on low income, not out of choice i.e. working less than 16 hours a week;
- Do unpaid care work;
- Do not qualify for state funds solely due to immigration status;
- Have no access to savings;
- Don't own the home you live in;
- Are a full time student (NB - the bursary does not apply if you are required to do a placement as part of your course).

This is not an exhaustive list - please contact us if you feel you would be eligible for this bursary for a reason not listed here.

We are especially keen to hear from individuals from backgrounds currently underrepresented across the Jamie's Farm staff team, including those from minority ethnic backgrounds, and those with disabilities.

Support with travel expenses is available.

If you would like to apply to be a Residential Volunteer at one of our farms, please complete an Application Form and we will be in touch with you to discuss your application. Thank you.

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A single opportunity,

belief and support...

that's all it took

to change

my life



About Jamie's Farm

Our vision

Vulnerable children nationwide will be better equipped to thrive during their secondary school years and beyond.

5 children

in a classroom of

30

are likely to have a mental health problem[▼]

Only 43%

of disadvantaged pupils reach the 'expected standard' in reading, writing and maths[✱]

1.6 million

pupils were persistently absent during the 2021/22 academic year[■]

Our mission

We exist to transform the lives of young people who aren't thriving at school or home, through our unique residential programme built around our core elements of Farming, Family, Therapy and Legacy.

We also aim to influence the education system by enabling systemic change through spreading our approach. We do this by training teachers and other professionals in multiple sectors to engage more effectively with young people in their care, as well as informing and supporting parents and society at large to enable all young people to thrive.

Charity overview

At Jamie's Farm we believe in the innate potential and good in every young person, no matter their background or life experiences. Our programme offers a preventative solution to empower young people to change course. Small groups of young people are immersed into farm life during a 5-day residential, or series of day visits, tackling real jobs with tangible outcomes, within a supportive family environment; this encourages cooperation, boosts self-esteem and builds positive relationships. A visit to Jamie's Farm does not end when young people leave; our legacy strand ensures we work in partnership with all our schools to ensure impact lasts.

Since our inception in 2009 we have experienced significant growth, expanding from one Farm to five and supporting more than 13,000 young people across England and Wales. We have an ambitious strategic plan over the coming years, including opening two more residential Farms in the next two years, improving the practice of education professionals and becoming a leading voice in advocating for the needs of young people which are ever-growing in the face of today's societal challenges.



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Our values

Our values guide everything we do at Jamie's Farm. We seek to ensure that even as the charity grows, we are able to maintain the unique culture that we have established across our farms – a culture that is based on an optimistic can-do spirit, and which supports and challenges us to be the best of ourselves.





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