

VOLUNTEER ROLE PROFILE

ROLE TITLE

Patchwork Farm – Farm Volunteer

ORGANISATION DESCRIPTION

Chailey Heritage Foundation is a pioneering charity providing education, care and transition services for young people with complex physical disabilities and health needs, which includes:

- ◆ An Ofsted 'Outstanding' special school
- ◆ 'Home from home' residential care for both children and young adults
- ◆ A Leisure & Skills Centre and Hub for adults with disabilities
- ◆ A wheelchair accessible farm – Patchwork Farm

WHAT YOU WILL GAIN BY VOLUNTEERING

- ◆ A sense of satisfaction in knowing you are helping others and making a difference
- ◆ Enjoyment of meeting a variety of new people
- ◆ Working as part of a team
- ◆ New skills and experiences
- ◆ Opportunity for others to learn and benefit from your skills and experiences

WHAT WE WOULD LIKE FROM YOU

The primary role of the farm volunteer will be to participate in the daily husbandry and daily routines of the farm. This will include:

- ◆ Preparing feed and water for the animals.
- ◆ Clean, disinfect and maintain high standards of hygiene and cleanliness.
- ◆ Maintaining enclosures.
- ◆ Daily record keeping and completion of all relevant animal paperwork.
- ◆ Animal health checks and, when required/instructed, give medication.
- ◆ Assist with the handling of animals for routine treatments such as foot trimming and shearing.
- ◆ Attend to the exercise, socialising and grooming needs of the animals when needed.
- ◆ Assisting with the educational sessions/workshops for our YP or visiting groups.

With the above in mind, we are looking for volunteers who have:

- ◆ A keen interest in animals, in particular farm animals.
- ◆ Calm and confident with large and small animals or the willingness to learn to be so.
- ◆ Good observational skills to notice changes in animals' behaviour.
- ◆ The ability to communicate with a range of people (young people, teachers, teaching assistants, carers.)
- ◆ Be reliable and have a flexible approach to work tasks allocated and working hours.
- ◆ The ability to carry out the role independently with minimum supervision.
- ◆ Physically able to carry out practical tasks on a farm.

TIME COMMITMENT

The majority of our farm volunteers do one 2-hour 'shift' a week (although some people do more).

Farm shifts are usually 09:00-11:00 or 14:30-16:30 (these times may vary with the seasons).

TRAINING AND SUPPORT

Volunteers will be given an induction and are required to attend an initial mandatory training session that includes Safeguarding, Fire Safety, Manual Handling; and any other occasional training/ information sessions deemed necessary.

Volunteers must also be prepared to undertake regular updating of mandatory training as and when required.

You will find all our staff and volunteers very friendly and approachable, and grateful for any assistance you can give.

RECRUITMENT PROCESS

To apply for this volunteering role, please click on the "apply now" button on the webpage to complete an application form via our website.

On receipt of a completed application form, your application will be reviewed by the recruiting manager. After which, applicants may be invited in for an informal interview and if successful will be invited to join our team, following completion of two satisfactory references and an enhanced DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) check.

OTHER INFORMATION

All volunteering opportunities at Chailey Heritage Foundation will require an enhanced disclosure check by the DBS – this does not mean that you cannot volunteer for us if you have a previous conviction. Chailey Heritage Foundation conforms to all aspects of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

Volunteers are required to abide by all policies and procedures within Chailey Heritage Foundation at all times.

Chailey Heritage Foundation operates a non-smoking policy throughout all its buildings and site, but does provide a designated smoking area.

CONTACT US

For an informal discussion please call our People Team on
01825 724444 Ext. 709.

Thank you for choosing to give your valuable time to Chailey Heritage Foundation – it is really appreciated.