



Volunteer Role	Youth Committee member
<p>Overview</p>	<p>At Surrey Docks Farm we believe young people are important assets to our organisation. We work closely with young people to make their experiences here worthwhile, enabling them to become active and happy members of their local community. We support young people to make decisions that shape their lives, experience new opportunities and share and reflect on their experiences at the Farm.</p> <p>The Youth Committee is made up of local young people from our informal educational programmes. Meeting nine times a year, the committee guides the decision making processes involved in the shaping of the youth services at the Farm, including the Youth Clubs and the Youth Volunteering programme. Members of the Committee draw on their own experiences of engaging in the Farm’s programmes, champion the needs of young people, make decisions about the youth engagement at the Farm and in the wider community.</p> <p>Having the voice of young people at the heart of the Farm’s decision making processes means we are best placed to respond to the needs and serve the young people in Southwark and beyond. The Youth Committee discusses improvements and developments to our services with the Farm’s Management Committee throughout the year.</p> <p>At the Farm we value creativity, thoughtfulness, respectfulness and being community minded. We value the ideas, ethics and passions of young people and want to support the best ideas coming to life through the Youth Committee.</p>

<p>Person specification</p>	<p>We welcome and encourage applications from anybody who is currently involved in the Farm between the ages of 8 - 18. We are particularly interested in applications from young people who identify as young carers, are ethnic minorities or have disabilities. During selection and interview, the Youth Committee will pay particular attention to how well you meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You are able to represent the key concerns of young people in the local area to your fellow Youth Committee members, to the Farm's Management Committee and to Farm staff - You are committed to making the Farm a better place for young people - Your behaviour, actions and opinions are supported by your peers - You are passionate about your community and helping others - You have an interest in the environment and nature - You are respectful, polite and courteous - You are excited about representing the Farm to a high standard at the AGM and external events - You are able to attend Committee meetings on the last Saturday of each month (except July, August and December)
<p>Role Description</p>	<p>Youth Committee members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acquire an understanding of how to finance projects or ideas, researching the costs involved and exploring fundraising options - Are excellent role models to their peers, providing support and championing the youth voice at the Farm - Have the opportunity to represent young people and their primary concerns, ideas and successes at Youth Committee meetings - Gain an understanding of how to test the vigour of an idea using the SMART goal setting method - Have the opportunity to consult with project participants about what is working well and what needs to be improved - Experience leading a feedback session, recording the outcomes and implementing changes - Make important decisions which will shape the future opportunities and outcomes for young people at the Farm - Represent the Farm at meetings, events and festivals

<p>What will you get in return?</p>	<p>The Farm appreciates the time, effort and ideas Youth Committee members bring to the organisation. In return you will receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Free food and refreshments at meetings and events - Support from the Youth Manager to carry out your role - An AQA Unit Award in Youth Leadership - The chance to attend workshops or talks by experts in topics decided by the Youth Committee - References from the Youth Manager to help your applications to work experience, jobs, training and study opportunities - The chance to represent young peoples' views at events and meetings e.g. Southwark Council's Nature Action Plan - Invitations to special events e.g. the Lord Mayor's Show - The chance to shortlist and interview subsequent members of the Committee, gaining an insight into fair recruitment processes - Support from external agencies in developing your skills following on from your experience at the Farm
<p>Role Frequency</p>	<p>Youth Committee members are in post for one year. In that year they members attend a meeting on the last Saturday of each month, except July, August and December. One of these meetings will take place at the Farm's Annual General Meeting (AGM).</p>
<p>Application procedure</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application form 2. Informal interview with Youth Committee members
<p>Further information</p>	<p>For more information, please see the FAQ page online: https://www.surreydocksfarm.org.uk/youth-committee/ or speak to a member of the Youth staff team for more information and support.</p>

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