



Volunteer Role	Youth Committee member
<p>Overview</p>	<p>At Surrey Docks Farm young people are important assets to our organisation. We work closely with young people to make their experiences here worthwhile, helping them to become active and happy members of their local community. We support young people to make decisions that shape their lives, have new opportunities and share and reflect on their time at the Farm.</p> <p>The Youth Committee is made up of local young people from our youth clubs. Meeting nine times a year, the committee guides the decision making processes of the youth services at the Farm, including Young Farmers and Greenagers. Members of the Committee use their own experiences to champion the needs of other 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 can make improvements each year.</p> <p>We value creativity, thoughtfulness, respectfulness and being community minded. We 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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 the year, members attend a meeting each month, usually on a Saturday or Sunday.</p>
<p>Application procedure</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete the application form here: https://forms.gle/vaqvjqv7ywa3bv8a9. Deadline for applications is 17/09/23. 2. Attend an informal interview with Youth Committee members likely to take place at the Farm on 30/09/23.
<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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